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Despite few respondents, sexual assault survey raises campus concern

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A survey conducted by four Hamilton students in late November displayed disturbing results regarding sexual assaults on the Hill.

Initially begun as a project

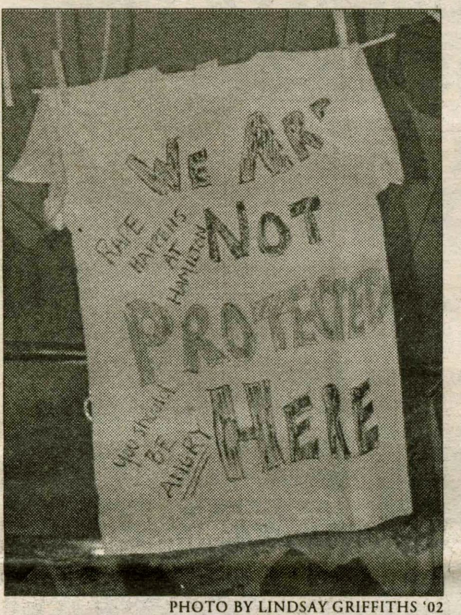


PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Prompted by a survey on the number of sexual assaults at Hamilton, students made T-shirts to raise awareness about the issue.

for Women's Studies 101 by Gill Chapman '04, Laura Crandall '04, Lauren Fisher-Maril '05, and Eileen Merrigan '04, the survey was intended to illustrate the current state of sexual assaults at Hamilton College.

"We wanted to address the issue of rape and sexual assault as it relates to campus life," said Crandall. "Our initial thought was to conduct a survey."

The girls followed the lead of A. Sona Virdi '94, whose 1992 project sought to refute The Chronicle of Higher Education's report that no rapes had taken place on the Hamilton College campus. Virdi asked any victims of rape on campus to send her an anonymous note through campus mail, with the message "I." In addition, Virdi requested that anyone who knew someone who had been raped to send a message simply stating "Friend."

In order to conduct a similar study, Chapman, Crandall, Maril, and Merrigan stuffed 450 random mailboxes with surveys.

"It was pretty basic. We asked random students to check 'I' if they themselves had been raped or sexually assaulted or 'Friend' if they knew anyone that had been raped or assaulted," described Crandall. "We made it really, really easy."

Nonetheless, the survey did not elicit as big of a response as the girls had hoped it would. In an attempt to encourage more students to speak out, Crandall sent out an all campus e-mail informing all students of the project. All Hamilton students were granted the opportunity to participate in the survey via the internet or an anonymous letter through campus mail.

"It was so encouraging. About one after hour I had sent out the all campus e-mail, I had already received about six responses," said Crandall of her success.

In 1994, Virdi received 6 "I" messages and 37 "Friend" messages. The results the girls received last month were much more dramatic. Of the 105 responses, twenty two reported being raped or sexually assaulted themselves while an additional seventy people knew someone who had suffered such an experience.

The girls were shocked by the results.

"Our reports were quite surprising, given the number of sexual assaults and rapes reported to campus safety," said Merrigan. "I believe that even though the numbers were small, it could generalize for the population. It's just so scary. That's one in five. But those numbers are in time with the national statistic," she furthered.

Nonetheless, the three sophomores and one freshman were thrilled to have been a part of a project that brought that gave students the opportunity to speak out.

"It was great to see people responding, even if their response was that they didn't know anyone. It was even more wonderful to see people come forward and say that they had been sexually *see **Survey**, page 2*

Byramjee, Martin elected heads of Student Assembly

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

In the Student Assembly elections held on Wednesday, Deenah Byramjee '03 and Thatcher Martin '03 were elected to the positions of President and Vice President, respectively. This year's race differed from previous elections in that Byramjee and Martin were the only team running for the highest student office at Hamilton.

People who wanted to challenge Byramjee and Martin could write-in names of other students on their ballots. "There were a few jokes and stuff like that, but it was a pretty straightforward victory for them," said Matt Harrison '03, the Student Assembly member in charge of the elections.

"I'm sure they'll do a great job," he added.

Byramjee and Martin hope to address several key issues during their tenure in office. Most important, however, is their stance on recycling at the College. "I really want to focus on recycling. It's probably our highest priority going into office," Byramjee said.

The two also feel that being able to use student campus-cards at off-campus locations should be a high priority. Martin mentioned that the University of Vermont uses a system in which "students are able to use their campus-cards at restaurants and shops outside of the school."

Increased funding for student organizations will be a goal for the coming year, as will the conversion of a dormitory lounge into a social space for students.

On a different note, however, is the increasing problem of voter turnout. "It's hard to get people to vote, but we didn't campaign as hard as we would have had there been people running against us," Byramjee said. Despite advertising for the elections, many students did not even know that they were occurring on Wednesday. Byramjee believes that on-line voting might help increase voter turnout as would increased advertising and "word of mouth."

In response to the fact that only one team of students ran this year for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, outgoing President Ray Ash '02 commented, "I have no idea [why], and I asked myself whether it was a reflection upon my administration. Did we do a good job? Did we do a bad job? But then again, no one has stepped up to say, 'I'm running for a certain issue.' It still mystifies me."

Despite the lack of competition, Ash said that he believes Byramjee and Martin are the best people for the job. "They'll do great!" he said.

Martin has confidence in his and Byramjee's ability to lead Student Assembly: "I would say that we are leaders who can make Hamilton better! With the help of the student assembly and the thoughts and ideas of the students we are going to make changes and improve all aspects of the college."

ITS diversifies email options

Web-mail expands user options off the Hill

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

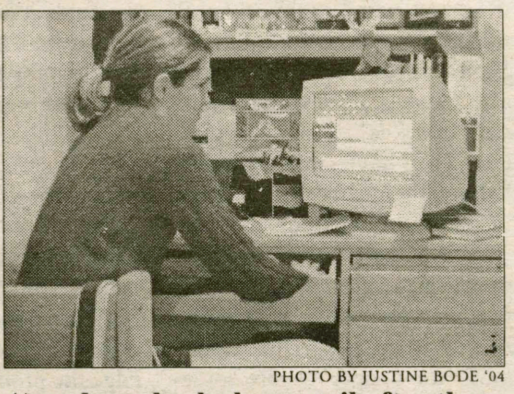
Email at Hamilton may not come in 31 flavors, but ITS did begin serving the mass-consumed digital delicacy in two new flavors this week. IMAP and web-based email are now availible to those email afficionados demanding a more accessible, easily digestible electronic mail solution than the traditional POP system used by almost all Hamiltonians - think two thousand students and faculty with Eudora logos emblazoned on their retinas.

Web acessibility and centralized storage were the two main requisites that an ITS committee used to select a new platform for serving email, according to Vice President for Information Technology David Smallen. Smallen said that providing students and faculty away from the Hill with easy access to email resources prompted ITS to execute the first major revision to email services in over a decade.

While the hardware supporting email services on campus is upgraded every three years in order to counter the increase in volume of useage, students and faculty have been receiving and storing email in essentially the same manner since the college first began using email eleven years ago, Smallen said.

For most users the only change to the email system is that everyone was required to enter a new password Monday night or late Tuesday morning. "If people wanted to keep doing just what they were doing, they didn't have to do anything except enter their new password," said Smallen.

But for approximately 300 students and faculty, locating their new password proved to be the biggest hurdle preventing them from devouring their fill of the *see **Web-mail**, page 2*



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A student checks her email after the server switch this week.

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Economists lower prediction for world economic growth

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

The Dow Jones index has risen 20 percent in last two months, enough to make up for the losses sustained after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. This good news, however, is shadowed by predictions about the future.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its expectations and lowered the expected growth rates. In October, the IMF estimated the world economy would grow by 2.6 percent this year and 3.5 percent the following year. The IMF now lowered its prediction to 2.4 percent growth in both years.

The picture gets even darker when one considers the fact that economists consider world economy as sliding rather than growing if it grows less than 2.5 percent in one year. Economists are concerned that economic slide is taking place on a worldwide level. For the first time in two decades, all of the world's major economies are sliding.

Besides making predictions about the world economy as a whole, IMF also evaluates the performance of national economies. It predicts that the U.S. economy will grow only 1.1 percent this year and 0.7 percent the following year. The European Union is expected to grow around 1.7 percent in 2001 and 1.4 percent in 2002. Japan's economy is forecasted to shrink by 0.9 percent in 2001 and 2.2 percent in 2002.

Stephen Roach, Morgan Stanley's chief economist, pointed out, "If this forecast comes to pass, it would mark the weakest consecutive two years of global growth in recorded post-World World II history."

Alarmed by the strong implications of deep and long recessions, economists are trying to come up explanations for the economic slowdown. Many economists suspect that economic integration between nations may be a reason for such widespread recession.

Val Koromzay is the director of country studies for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Paris based organization of the world's most developed countries (OECD). Koromzay said, "It's clear that the global trade has become an extremely powerful transmission channel [for economic trends]. We are only beginning to understand the degree to which economies have become synchronized."

China, Russia and India are among the countries that acted slowly in the process of integration and therefore, they suffer less from the slowing world economy; however, Kenneth Rogoff, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund, is convinced that economic integration will create greater benefits in the long run. "There's no question that we would be worse off without it," Rogoff said.

Rogoff finished off by pointing out one reason for economic integration. "One reason we have become more synchronized is because we're all watching CNN," he said.

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Red cross workers carry bodies out of the prison in Mazare, Afganistan where an uprising led to over 600 deaths.

Red Cross, Amnesty International call for investigation of prison uprising

by Chris Takacs '05
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A prison uprising by captured Taliban soldiers in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, sparked a gun battle that lasted several days, leaving around 30 northern alliance and about 600 prisoners dead.

The first American combat casualty, CIA operative Johnny "Mike" Spann, 32, was killed in the prison soon after the uprising started. Five american soldiers were also injured when an American jet bombed a target close to their position.

The revolt began on Nov. 24. It is still unclear exactly how Taliban prisoners were able to obtain weapons; however, what is known is that a large group of the prisoners held themselves up in the southern part of the fortress with a cache of weapons. They began firing single rounds from their Kalishnikov rifles and fining mortar rounds over walls at Northern Alliance forces.

Fighting continued sporadically until Tuesday, when heavy American airstrikes forced many Taliban forces into the basements and sewers of the fortress. For the next few days, Northern Alliance fighters waited for the prisoners to surrender, which many did slowly. To flush out the remaining rebels, grenades and rockets were fired into the tunnels beneath the fortress.

Bodies littered the compound on Tuesday, when most of the prisoners had be re-captured or forced underground. Red Cross workers and reporters were eventually allowed in when the situation was deemed safe enough. Many of these workers reported seeing Northern Alliance soldiers prying the gold teeth out of dead Taliban fighters, as well as removing valuables and other idems from the dead.

Associated Press correspondents reported that many of the dead prisoners still had their hands bound by cloth, though Northern Alliance soldiers reported that none were killed while tied up.

Northern Alliance General Rashid Dostum stated "We did not tie them. We brought them here to be safer," referring to the dead prisoners.

General Dostum, according to the United Nations, is one of Afghanistan's most feared warlords. In 1997, while fighting the Taliban, he reportedly threw prisoners into a well and tossed in grenades to finish them off. The Red Cross has asked that an investigation be conducted into the prison uprising, as evidence suggests that prisoners were unjustly killed during it.

Dostum later added that the rebel prisoners are "dangerous people, suicidal people and one can expect anything from them." Amnesty International has called for an inquest into the "proportionality of the response" by Northern Alliance, British and American forces.

The remains of CIA operative Spann were flown to an American airbase in Ramstein, Germany on Thursday the 6th. They casket, along with those of other soldiers, were received with a 40-strong salute by US marines and military officers.

Web-mail opens options for community members off the Hill

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latest all-campus email. Many people deleted the message containing their new passwords or lost the passwords, said Smallen. ITS reissued new passwords to users who were unable to access them.

One of the added features of the new server is IMAP email service. IMAP email clients store email centrally on the server so that email can be accessed from any computer without the need to carry a disk, said Smallen. The server also provides students with a web-based interface for checking mail similar to that of HotMail or Yahoo Mail-type services. Web-based email allows anyone with access to a web browser and an Internet connection easy access to his or her own Hamilton email.

Smallen attributed the ease of cutover to five months of preparation and testing by ITS. During the five-month period ITS staff transitioned approximately 150 users, mostly faculty, from out-dated email clients incompatible with the new server to newer compatible software. Smallen estimates that less than 50 users had incompatible software on their machienes when the cutover occurred.

"We replace machienes every three years," said Smallen, mentioning that incompatible software was mostly phased out in the replacement cycle.

Great tasting email doesn't come cheap, though. Hamilton's email is more Haagen Daz than Hood in the price department. Smallen estimated the cost of the new email server, software, and consulting fees to be approximately $50K above the normal tri-yearly hardware upgrade.

"If the telephones go down, people eventually notice, but if the email goes down, people [know about it immediately]. There are only a handful of people who do not use email," said Smallen. Email is ITS's most widely used resource on campus.

ITS is holding workshops during exam week and during break for anyone interested in learning how to use IMAP and web-based email.

Sexual assault survey message: It happens here

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to see people come forward and say that they had been sexually assaulted or that they had been raped. It was so strong of them."

The four girls believe that these new statistics have the ability to change the mindset of Hamilton College. If nothing else, the girls hope to bring awareness to sexual assaults on campus. They have started by publishing their survey results on the tables of Commons.

"We really want to make people be aware. But more than that, we want people to be angry. Anger is so powerful. It can motivate people to do something," she commented. "What we really want is for people to question why this is happening here. We want them to ask 'Why are we letting this happen?'"

In addition, the group hopes to publish their results in the Spectrum. The girls are currently looking for additional ways to publicize their findings and ways to help the situation on campus.

"There are at least three of us in the group that will continue to work on it next semester," Crandall explained. "We want to take the results to President Tobin and possibly create a network or support group to fully acknowledge the problem on campus."

Correction:

Due to a production error in which an unedited version of the story "Long term plan for building renovations presented to Trustees" ran, Dan O'Leary's and Karen Leach's positions at the college were incorrectly identified. Dan O'Leary is the vice president for investments and treasurer. Karen Leach is the vice president, administration and finance.

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IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

UC-managed labs, UC-Davis anthrax storage facility tightening security

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — The three months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have certainly changed the outlook of University of California scientists, but life at UC-managed national laboratories, and at UC Davis' anthrax storage facility, is largely business as usual.

For most American institutions, the time since Sept. 11 has been accompanied by self-reflection — looking ahead to a more unsure future fraught with suspicion and paranoia.

Echoing these broader trends, labs operated by the University of California, from UC Davis to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, have instituted a variety of programs designed to increase security and thwart any possible terrorist actions.

While many of these changes may seem inconvenient or burdensome, staff at these lab locations have remained almost unanimously upbeat about the changes.

At Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, which is owned by the Department of Energy, but operated by UC, new security measures have been implemented, while old programs are being applied more rigorously. While prior to Sept. 11, almost anyone could board a shuttle bus bound for the Berkeley Laboratory, such a trip now requires proper lab identification.

Police continue search for missing Kansas State U. students; one body found

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — A search for two of three missing Kansas State University students at Tuttle Creek Lake is still being conducted by the Riley County Police Department. One body has been found, and the two others remain missing.

The friends went sailing Tuesday afternoon in a Snipe sailboat. The police found the overturned sailboat near Carnahan Cove.

Officials found the body of Timothy Michael Bennett, 19, freshman in environmental design, at about 9:15 a.m. Thursday. Bennett was spotted by rescuers on the shore about one or two miles north of the dock where the students departed. Kyle David Chapman, 17, freshman in computer science, and Christopher Nathan Shipley, 18, freshman in animal science, are both still missing. Bennett is from Kansas City, Mo., and Chapman and Shipley are from Olathe.

Police speculated that Bennett died of hypothermia. Water temperatures have been around 49 degrees since Tuesday. Officials also said the students were probably wearing warm-weather clothing because of Tuesday's highs in the 60s.

"A person in water will lose heat fast in these temperatures," said Brian McNulty, operational manager for the corps of engineers at Tuttle Creek State Park. "That's why we're speculating hypothermia at this time."

McNulty said rescuers are optimistic that the two other students are alive. More than 50 people and many rescue organizations are participating in the search. The RCPD is in charge of the operation.

U. Michigan admissions lawsuits head back to court

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The last of the slew of lawsuits filed by the Center for Individual Rights challenging the use of race as a factor in admissions in higher education move to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Thursday, one step below the U.S. Supreme Court, which has yet to rule on the issue.

A panel of three judges on the appeals court, which has jurisdiction over Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, originally was scheduled to hear the cases in October, but the hearing was delayed when the court accepted a request by CIR to have the cases heard by the full court.

Buses of University and high school students who planned to journey to Cincinnati to rally in support of affirmative action also had to postpone their plans.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Malaysia investigates terror groups

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — As Malaysia intensifies its probe into links between Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and its own Islamic militants, attention is focusing on a previously unknown group accused of plotting two attacks to kill U.S. sailors.

Members of the tiny Malaysian Mujahadin Group, or KMM, trained in Afghanistan, followed the calls of bin Laden to target American servicemen and hoped to establish an Islamic state in Southeast Asia, authorities say.

Malaysian and U.S. officials say it seems unlikely a full-fledged al-Qaida cell was operating here, though that has not been ruled out. But Malaysia appears to have been an unwitting way-station for terrorists, including at least one Sept. 11 suicide hijacker.

Khalid al-Mihdhar passed through Kuala Lumpur's ultramodern airport like thousands of Middle Eastern visitors who flock to Malaysia every year for a taste of exotic Southeast Asia in a liberal-yet-Muslim atmosphere.

But from the moment the future suicide hijacker stepped off the plane in January 2000, he and several others were under surveillance by Malaysia's Special Branch police.

At the time of the visit, al-Mihdhar was nobody to the intelligence community. Special Branch was focused on the doings of a local extremist who has since gone abroad and is on a Malaysian watch list, officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The local extremist's name has not been divulged.

Split threatens Serb government

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's government teetered on the edge of collapse Thursday as a political split widened within the ruling coalition that ousted former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The resignation of parliamentary speaker Dragan Marsicanin, Serbia's No. 2 official, was the latest threat to the republic's shaky government and mirrors conflicts between Yugoslavia's top two leaders. Serbia is Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

Natasa Micic, 36, of the Civic Alliance, was named to replace Marsicanin. She is the first woman speaker since the multiparty system was introduced to Serbia in 1990.

The rift involves the two largest parties in the 18-party coalition — the Democratic Party of Serbia, led by Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, and the Democratic Party of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic.

The parties are foremost in the Democratic Opposition of Serbia coalition, which drove Milosevic and his neo-communists from power in October 2000. Milosevic is now facing a U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Hague, Netherlands, for alleged atrocities committed during the Balkan wars of the 1990s.

Taliban surrender is conditional

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban agreed Thursday to surrender Kandahar, their last bastion and birthplace, if their warriors were not punished and safety was guaranteed to leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, who once vowed to fight to the death. America said it would not accept any deal allowing the cleric to go free.

The promise to give up the city and begin handing over weapons as early as Friday marked the final collapse of the militant movement that imposed strict Islamic rule on Afghanistan for five years.

Personal rivalries among anti-Taliban leaders and the fate of Omar still could wreck the fragile agreement. The head of the new Afghan transition government, Hamid Karzai, refused to say whether Omar would be arrested as Washington has demanded.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the United States would not stand for any agreement that lets the Taliban leader go free and "live in dignity."

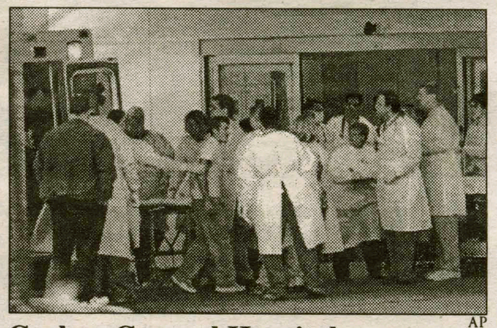
Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said radio intercepts had picked up no communications by Omar in three days and that he appeared to have lost contact with senior Taliban commanders.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Two dead after Indiana shooting

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) — A man opened fire Thursday at the simulated-wood factory where he worked, killing a co-worker and wounding several others before committing suicide, authorities said.



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Goshen General Hospital emergency personnel assist a injured man.

One person was slain inside the Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork plant and a SWAT team later found the gunman with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. A gun was near his body.

"He was dead when they found him," Elkhart County Sheriff's Capt. Julie Dijkstra said.

The gunman had apparently just been fired or was about to be fired, she said. His name and those of his victims were not immediately released.

Six people were wounded, State Police Sgt. Brant Klemm said. He described most as "walking wounded," and one victim in critical condition was upgraded to serious condition late Thursday.

Workers told authorities an automatic weapon was used and some injuries appeared to be shotgun wounds.

Earlier, the mayor and hospital administrators said they feared 30 to 35 people had been shot. Corporate reports show that's about how many people are employed at Nu-Wood.

Injured soldier awarded purple heart

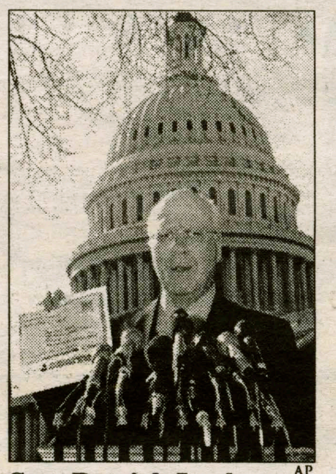
HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force sergeant who was injured in the action against the Taliban in Afghanistan received a Purple Heart on Thursday.

The soldier, a combat controller named Michael whose last name was not disclosed for security reasons, received the medal from Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey, commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command, in front of about 300 colleagues, relatives and friends.

Michael, of Oxford, Conn., suffered two perforated eardrums and a scratched cornea when a U.S. bomb hit near American troops during an uprising by Taliban prisoners at a fortress outside of Mazar-e-Sharif on Nov. 26. He was the first Air Force member injured during the conflict; four Army troops also were hurt in the uprising.

Leahy, Daschle Anthrax Letters Same

WASHINGTON (AP) — A newly opened letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy contained suspected anthrax and handwriting that appear identical to an earlier letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, the FBI disclosed Thursday.



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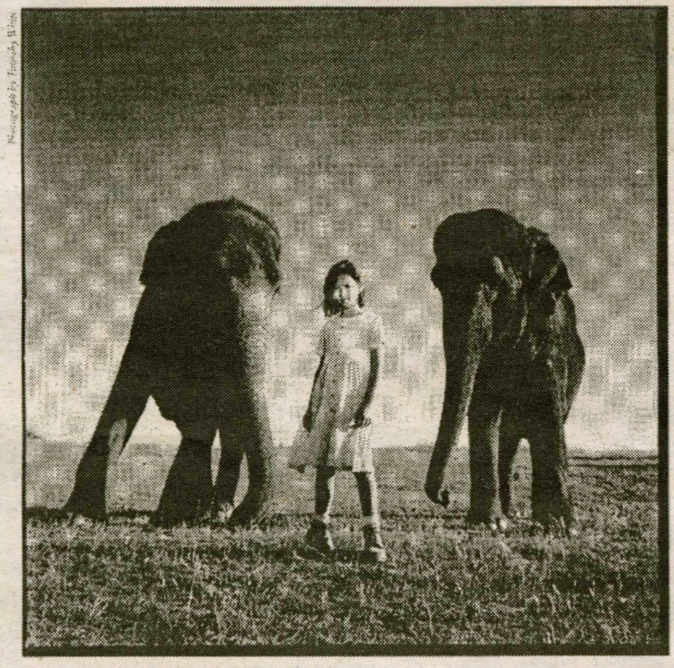
Sen. Patrick Leahy with envelope contaminated by anthrax.

With the letter and the powder undergoing laboratory analysis, "We hope to learn ... who did this and how they did it," said FBI official Van Harp.

The suspected anthrax in the Leahy letter "appears to be consistent with that found in the letter sent to Senator Daschle," Harp said.

The Leahy and Daschle letters state in part, "09-11-01 You can not stop us. We have this anthrax" and conclude, "Allah is great."

It will take weeks to complete all testing, because "there is a finite amount of material in that letter" to Leahy, necessitating "a very cautious analytical approach," Harp, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington field office, said in a statement.



Which one would you choose?

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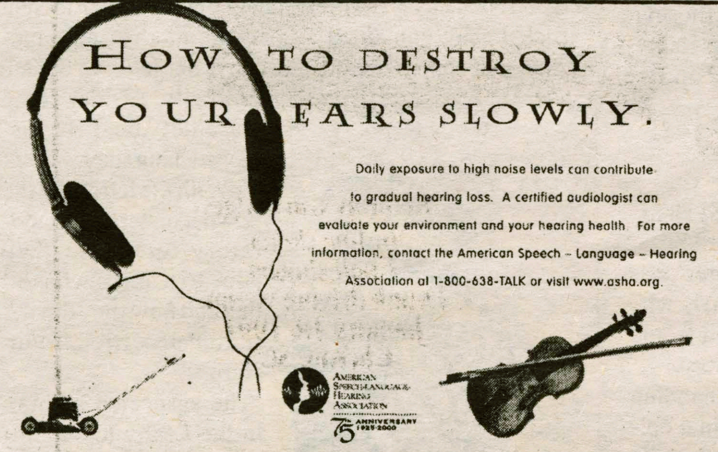

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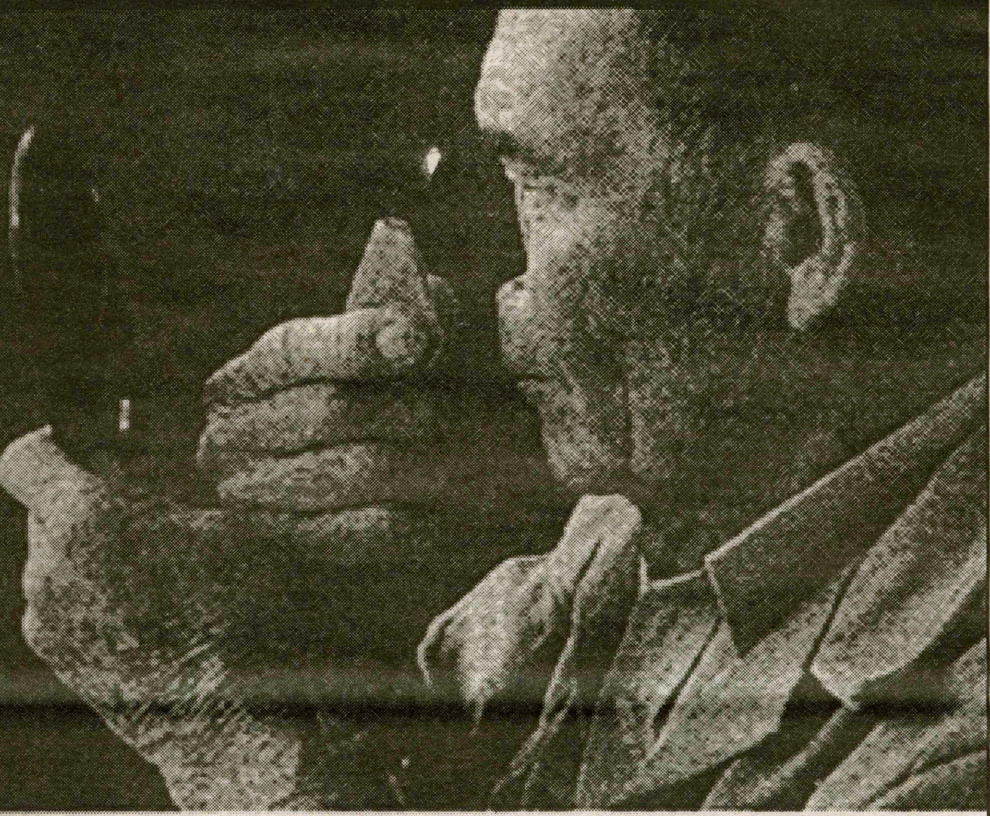

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Letters to the Editor: J-Board

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fore, to pretend that students are unaware of the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol, is a notion I refuse to further entertain based on its implication that a false naivete serves as a justification for attempted manslaughter.

Finally, in another example of incoherent logic, Karb asks "What, if anything, about Hamilton's social environment may be encouraging the increase in drunk driving," as a means to suggest that the blame lies with the administration, rather than with reckless students. Sadly, I can not answer this question. I do not know why seemingly intelligent people would put lives at risk. I can clearly state, however, that allowing students who were found responsible of driving while under the influence of alcohol to remain on campus would surly increase the number of drunk driving infractions.

However, for once Karb is correct in writing, "Getting the problem out of Hamilton...is by no means a solution to a significant and dangerous problem." Yet, it is a start and the responsibility of the Judicial Board. Therefore, to this end I invite Karb to initiate a long term solution, while I and the Judicial Board continue to suspend those found responsible for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

In conclusion, with respect, I encourage Karb, and her like-minded followers, to look over her arguments, come to their senses, and then thank the Judicial Board for potentially saving their lives.

Sara Weinstein, '02
Judicial Board Chair

Final Farewells

During my past year as Managing Editor here at The Spectator I have witnessed, and hopefully in some small way contributed to, its progression as the primary source of weekly information on our campus. It seems that our publication's reading base, though perhaps not necessarily its popularity, continues to grow each semester. As usual this semester has not been without its share of controversy, with several articles regarding drunk driving particularly coming to mind. The highlight of my semester, without a doubt, was being threatened with a lawsuit for an article which I co-wrote called "Greek Life for Dummies." Apparently, in the words of this angry alumnus whose name I will withhold for fear of that threat becoming a reality, Mr. Spiliotis and I are "textbook-heads" who wrote the article out of pure jealousy since our social lives consist of "whatever movie is playing at KJ on a Friday night." The denigrating email, which cited slander as being possible grounds for the proposed lawsuit, ended with the chilling words, "You will be hearing from my lawyers shortly." I still live in fear of the day that I open my door to a man wearing a three-piece suit just itching to hand me a white piece of paper and utter the phrase, "You have been served."

Other than that adventure, and a frustrating couple of days scrambling to put together a sexual assault article, everything else has run rather smoothly. That is a credit to our hard-working, dedicated staff, from the editors on down to our first semester writers. I sadly yet confidently pass the torch on now to young Andrew Horner '03, to whom I believe the phrase, "It is not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog" specifically refers. All joking aside, I think he will do a tremendous job. I, meanwhile, look forward to serving as an Insight and Ideas Editor, a section that has always appealed to me.

Regardless, I trust that The Spectator will continue to improve and that our reading base will continue to grow. I look forward to another semester of controversy, late night Nice-n-Easy runs, and lawsuits. Fare well.

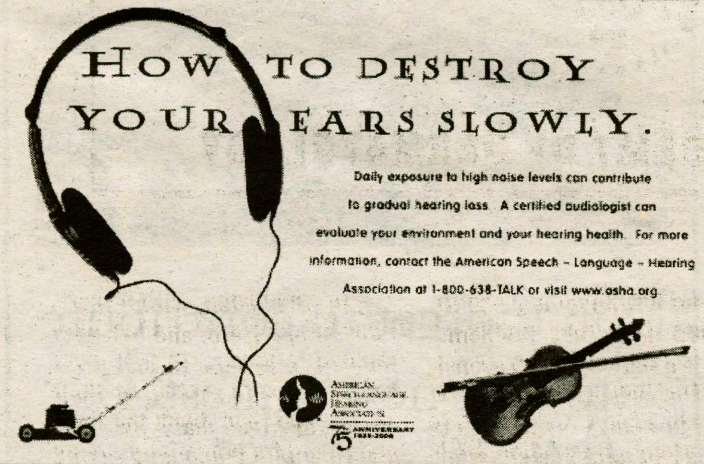
- Christopher R. Preston

As my tenure as Editor-in-Chief comes to an end I look back to see what sort of growth, if any, The Spectator has undergone. In the course of the past year I believe the community has gained an increased faith in The Spectator to bring them excellent campus news, opinion and events coverage. For that service, they should direct their gratitude, as I direct mine to the most devoted editorial staff any newspaper could be blessed with.

As for the rest of you on The Hill my opinion varies. Being a newspaper editor I've reported on the best and hopefully the worst this community can produce. Having spent my share of Friday nights in the campus safety office filing campus reports of newspaper theft and harasment I can't say I'm enamored with the childish, disturbing and criminal behavior some students attempt to use against the Spec and its staffers in order to strong-arm coverage. But I do leave knowing that the constructive, healthy and often difficult discussion and behavior of the majority of our community members will continue to make our college's and newspaper's futures grow brighter.

To my successor as Editor-in-Chief, Sarah Karalunas and her phenomenal editorial board, I know you will all be successful in performing the priceless public service you do week after week.

- Christopher R. LaRosa



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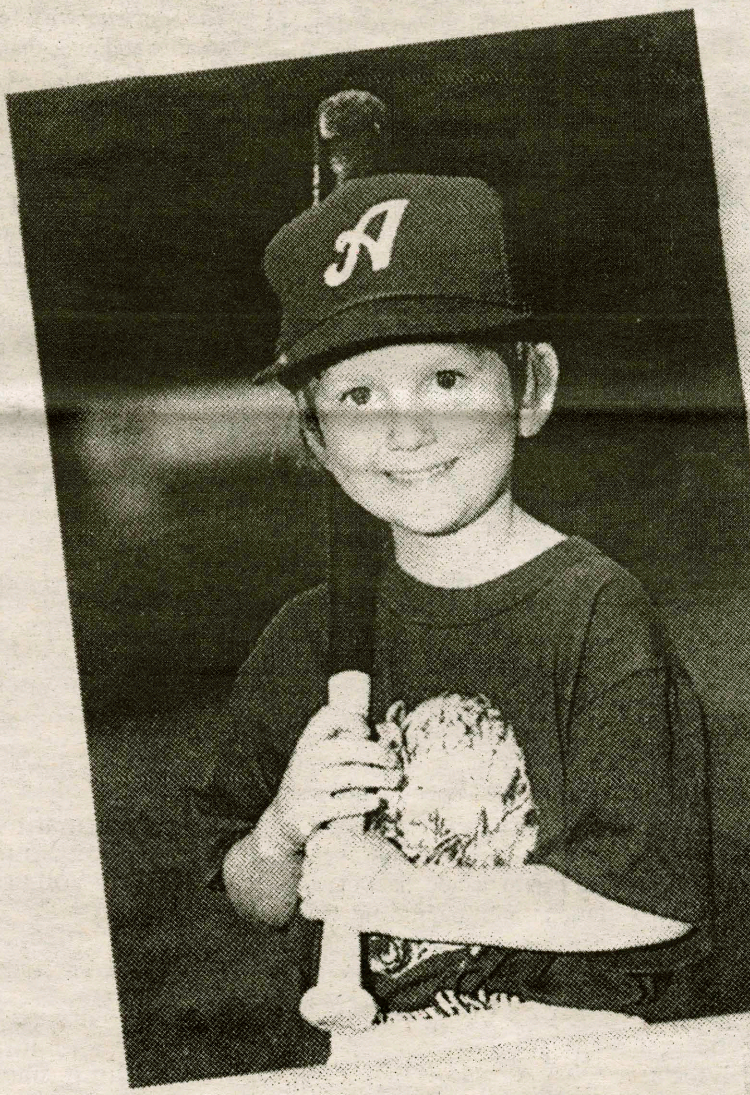

Bethany Cartledge
In-line skater.
T-ball slugger.
Drunk driving victim.
January 18, 1994
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If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

A Sour Apple

"The Hamilton Community." We hear this phrase so often that it has lost its meaning–if it ever had one. A community is a group of people working toward a common goal, not just a group of people with different interests who happen to be stuck in the same place.

LAURIE NORTHRUP '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

It's human nature to split into cliques and into groups. People here complain about how divided this campus is socially, but the divisions are deeper than that. There are divisions of color, social class, major, where we live on campus. Everything divides us. This isn't particular to Hamilton, but happens everywhere.

The Spectator tries to serve the needs of everyone on this campus, to promote all kinds of events and report all kinds of news. If any opinion or significant event is left out, it's not because it doesn't fit into our agenda, but more often because we do not know about it or do not have space. I&I only can publish what people send us. If your opinions aren't published, it's because you haven't sent them in.

I began to think about this when I heard that *The Green Apple*, a feminist newsletter, will be revived next semester to give a voice to groups that are apparently not adequately represented in other media at Hamilton. I took this at first as a personal insult; I had tried to provide a balance of perspectives and ideas in this section all semester.

However, there's only so much I can do. I can't change the nature of this campus. The culture of wealthy white males might always dominate this campus; they're who Hamilton was founded for. This isn't necessarily a good thing, but I don't expect it to change during my time on the Hill, or even in the next decade. While having independent sources of information is important—even essential—is it always necessary to start another publication, rather than just trying to get material published in the widely-circulating *Spectator* or other existing publications?

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People who already have an interest in feminism will pick up *The Green Apple*–to use a cliché, it's preaching to the converted. Yes, I read *The Spectrum* when it's published, but by its nature *The Spectrum* will always have a smaller audience than *The Daily Bull*, simply because the *Bull* is plentiful, timely, useful, very yellow, and occasionally humorous.

Perhaps, with quality writing and a clever enough argument, people might come to see the merits of a different point of view–if they ever read the material to begin with. Should we have different publications for every different kind of person on campus? Is the campus not already fractured enough? *Dark Side Comp Sci Geek Weekly? The Premed Gazette? News for Fratboys?* How far could this go? The Media Board budget alone might bankrupt the school.

The argument of whether it is best to go off on one's own or work from the inside could go on, and the students who run the Womyn's Center have already made their decision. I respect their choice and wish *The Green Apple* well; I plan to contribute to it as best I can. However, I'm not sure that it's a good idea to try to divide the student body more than it already is. *The Spectator* is student-run; it may not represent all ideas and interests, but the students who run it have other commitments and obligations. We can't be perfect, but we do try very hard. Why not approach the *Spectator* and suggest a section devoted to the humanities or to diversity? Why not contribute articles about issues that matter to you?

I like to think that it wasn't a wasted effort to put my time, nerves, and fingernails at risk while trying to put together a balanced and thought-provoking section this semester. Often I feel that it was a wasted effort. Perhaps I'm thinking too much about this, but the purpose of a student newspaper is to report events relevant to everyone on campus. Maybe other publications are needed, but if students who hold certain opinions choose not to submit anything and form their own publication, then the newspaper loses those voices. Having all shades of opinion represented is important, or at least it ought to be.

Resolutions for 2002

A great year for the squirrels

So the champagne tumbles down eager throats, party hats are donned, noisemakers screech, and we know it's New Year's Eve. On this night alone, we embrace our pathetic yearning, our hopelessly romantic desire for the exciting connection brought only by warm, soft flesh to fill the moment, the single

ALISON HARDING '05
AND FRIENDS

second of which this greatly anticipated holiday consists. Whether or not the year actually does begin with the surreal sexual satiation that, in reality, does not ever arise from a simple kiss, ever-present are the permanent promises, produced solely for the purpose of perfect guilt. The New Year's resolution, although a widely observed custom, represents the self-hatred that plagues our society.

Ha ha, just kidding. On a more serious, perhaps slightly less sleep-deprived note, however, the very definition of the (modern) resolution relies on the assurance that none will ever be observed. The clock strikes twelve, and we indulge our every desire, occasionally reminding ourselves of the promises that justify our present actions. We know that the next morning will bring penitence. If, however, you happen to decide that your resolutions aren't quite up to par, here are a few suggestions from the collaborative efforts of a couple of South's finest rooms.

10. Cancel plans to flog myself with a wet noodle.

9. Stop shamelessly stealing money off my mother's credit card.

8. Wash dishes before they become specimens for the bacteria bio lab.

7. Stop stealing silverware from Commons.

6. Pay off my debt to my drug dealer.

5. Golden rings?

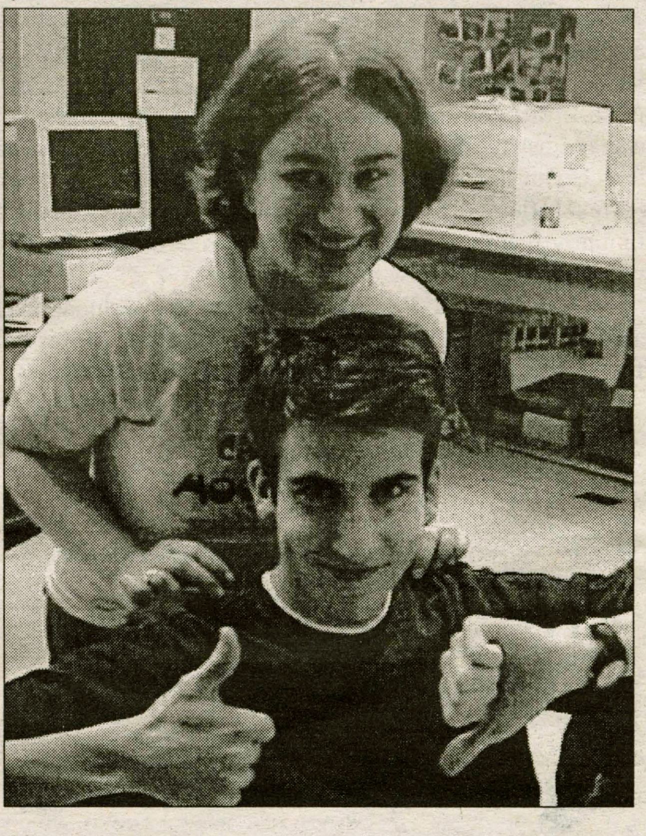
4. Stop urinating in the stairwell of South. (You know who you are.)

3. Buy Febreze... and use it.

2. Scrape crusty clothing off floor and into urine-free washing machine.

1. GO TO HELL TWICE AND HUMP A SQUIRREL!

Have a great break and thanks for reading...



Don't forget to contribute to I&I next semester!

Bill Chenevert

Laurie B. Northrup

Good	Bad	Indifferent
- Late nights of peanut butter and porno with "Muffin"	- Rainbow Alliance's voting down the name "Homo for the Holidays" for tonight's party	- Thumbs up/Thumbs down getting people to look at the I&I section for all of ten seconds every week. Thanks.
- "Essential Disco Hits," volumes 1, 2, and 3. Tasty.	- Insulting Parisian landmarks with vulgarities–sorry, Duv.	- Bored and hungry *Spectator* editors doing half-and-half shots at Symeon's for cash.
- The talented and always delightfully controversial I&I contributors	- *The Daily Bull* hopping on our "Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down" bandwagon	- The proliferation of "armpit bags"--you pay that much, don't you get a longer strap?
- Rahzel and Howie Day: CAB is truly underestimated.	- Over-coverage of Greek life on campus	- Stares of mute horror at the fitness center–girls bigger than size 6 like to work out too. Ahem.
- Keehn's "very special" bounty–cranberry sauce.	- Responding to articles by accusing Spec editors of bestiality. C'mon, we're journalists.	
- Total control over the I&I pages–oh, how we'll miss it.		

by Laurie Northrup '03 and Bill Chenevert '05

Peace Out

As an associate editor of the Insights and Ideas section, I've caught a lot of flack from the student body for the integrity of our section and *The Spectator* in general. Where I & I articles have been accused of being fluff, insignificant and about nothing at all, I've practically taken this as a personal insult. Every December, a new chief takes the reins of *The Spec* and musical chairs of the editorial board takes place. Unfortunately, when the music stopped, I looked at the I & I chair and saw no room for myself. Though I know that the editors who will replace Laurie and I are fully competent and will do an outstanding job, I see it as my duty to the friends I employ to read *The Spec* to bid farewell as editor.

Bill Chenevert '05
Associate I&I Editor

The purpose of the Insights and Ideas section of Hamilton College's *Spectator*, as I see it, is to record the voice of the mind of our collective student body. When readers read a piece and think 'Hey, I've had those exact thoughts,' or 'Ooh, that really pisses me off and I'm gonna do something about it,' I see the section as doing its job. If you've read this far, bear with me for a couple more paragraphs as I reminisce on my first semester as an editor for *The Spectator*.

Hamilton is a great school with highly intelligent students. Its traditions are curious and unique to a highly selective liberal arts college in the middle of nowhere. College communities are like microcosms of the real world. They are small communities that experience the same problems as the rest of the world. You may say that Hamilton is not like the world in its inherent characteristics, but I say it's better than the world. College is not like real life; it's seclusion from the real world in the interest of developing the mind, making life-changing decisions and finding a passion in life is not an opportunity that everyone gets. Hamilton's homogeneous nature may not be advantageous to a worldly education, but the student body is diverse in a myriad of other ways.

There are two more things that I'd like to touch upon before my official sign off, intellect and disrespect. Disrespect is an ill of our campus that can easily be remedied. As seen by the several drunk driving cases, the trashing of our dorms and the theft of over a thousand *Spec*s is just a taste of the disrespect that disrupts Hamilton's mission: "Commitment to the intellectual and personal development of students is Hamilton College's most important and enduring tradition. The faculty is dedicated to the promotion of academic achievement, integrity and personal growth." The afore mentioned disrespectful acts I can easily brush off my back. However, disrespectful comments regarding Hamilton's integrity and character are more difficult to shake off.

We all worked hard in high school, we all got a certain test score and we all proved worthy of admission. Some of us have to work harder than others, and some of us can ease by with apparent wit and intelligence. However, I've been informed by several people of an apparent lack of intellectualism here on campus; that Hamilton may have strength in its partying opportunities, Greek life and dorm life, but is lacking in the brain power category. I laugh at this now. At first I was enraged and shocked at the apparent judgments people make here about how dumb or how smart our classmates are. There are so many hidden gems on this hill that anyone who complains or puts down the integrity of our college is just not trying hard enough. There are so many people here who have interesting things to say and unique perspectives on everything imaginable, and yet, I've been told, there is an air of 'anti-intellectualism' that is inescapable. If you believe that our campus is anti-intellectual, you haven't talked to the right people, gone to the right lectures, talked to the right teachers, read *The Spectator*, challenged yourself by taking a strange course, or reflected on yourself as a person enough.

This isn't the last of me. I've got seven more semesters to go. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first semester on the Hill and look forward to the hundreds of other opportunities that will become apparent to me: snowshoeing, a Hamilton spring, new courses and new teachers, new classmates, and new Insights & Ideas. Rest assured, I've been appointed to the Hamilton Media Board and will continue to do my part at making Hamilton better than it was when I arrived. Are you doing your part? Why not? Get going.

Reading Period Horoscopes

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20) Sure you're getting a lot of attention this month, but the weather soon will be getting cold and frostbite may occur if you continue to wander around in your birthday suit. Lucky clothing: trench coat.

Capricorn (December 21 - January 19) You've waited this long, there's no sense in opening a book now. Continue your break and try again next semester. Lucky activity: sleeping.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17) Don't let boredom get you down over the long break. Pretend you are your favorite superhero; make sure to don the cape and tights. Lucky material: spandex.

Pisces (February 18 - March 19) A great weight will be lifted off your shoulders this month. This of course will occur when you empty all the books from your bag and return them to the library.

Aries (March 20 - April 19) Procrastination tip of the week: decorating your dorm room with paper snowflakes. Remember to make extras to give to family and friends, you shouldn't keep your talent to yourself. Lucky object: scissors.

Taurus (April 20 - May 19) Although you miss the snow this semester, wearing your heavy winter coat will not make it come faster; it's just making you sweat and smell bad. Lucky location: the shower.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20) It's a stressful and busy time in your life, but remember this: no man or woman can survive on No-Doze and candy canes alone. Lucky feeling: buzzed.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21) The forecast for January is chilly. Make sure you get a phone number before you go home for break so you have something to warm you up when you return. Lucky plant: mistletoe.

Leo (July 22 - August 22) Prepare for disillusionment. You're how old? And you still believe in Santa Claus? Lucky holiday: Easter.

Virgo (August 23 - September 21) It might have worked in the past, but the professors are not accepting Christmas/Chanukah presents in exchange for As this year. Lucky letter: C.

Libra (September 22 - October 22) Not showering and wearing the same pair of underwear may bring you good luck, but other people are beginning to notice. Lucky hygiene product: soap.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) Just because the short person in the bar says they are an elf does not mean you'll get extra presents for hooking up with him/her. Lucky height: 3 ft.

Thumbs Up

- Electing to take the full time out as opposed to the 20 when your girlfriend drops the L-bomb on you

- The transitive property: Hamilton beats Davidson, Davidson beats Duke. Dicky V says, "Hamilton b-ball is #1, baby!"

- President Tobin's open hour turning into cocktail hour on the porch

- Any 21 year old guy who gets excited about the Muppets Christmas CD

- LaRosa and Kaufmann being an ocean apart for six months

Thumbs Down

- Charging ten dollars for a Bundy party. Charging five, we understand. But ten?

- Having the time of your life be that time of the month

- Having your walk of shame be interrupted by the Thursday morning hurricane

- Tickle Me Elmo playing second fiddle to Harry Potter this Holiday season

- The whole Lemon Pepsi experiment

Who Cares?

- Women's studies propaganda littering our dining hall tables

- Having your romantic plans for the weekend be foiled by your HS townie girlfriend's 11:30 curfew

- Being permanently blinded by the lights extravaganza that is Paul P.'s room

- Pete Safer, the #1 squash player on the only Division 1 team = the self-proclaimed best athlete at Ham Tech

by Lauren Reynolds '02, Chris Preston '03, and Paul P. Jones '03

Letters and I & I Policy

The Spectator's Insights & Ideas and Letters to the Editor sections are designed to be forums for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, national, and worldwide issues. Pieces published in the section express the opinions of the individual writers, and not necessarily the opinions of _The Spectator_ editorial board or of the Media Board. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcome from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, the Spectator has policies for submissions.

1. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. the Wednesday before publication. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to spec@hamilton.edu, or sent to the Insights & Ideas editors. The editors reserve the right to refuse any late submissions.
2. Letters should be no longer than 650 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. The Spectator will also edit for misspelling, typographical errors, poor grammar, and diction. _The Spectator_ also reserves the right not to print letters or opinion pieces, as well as to return pieces to be rewritten.
3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous or an unwarranted invasion of privacy, the piece will be edited or will not be printed. _The Spectator_ reserves the right to correct factual inacuracies or to refuse to print a piece due to factual innacuracies.
4. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed.

Letters to the Editor

The Editorial in last week's spectator was out of line, and speaks to the growing inadequacy of the Spectator and the Administration in promoting a safe AND community based environment. Drunk driving is inarguably a reckless and irresponsible act, but it is not a problem unique to Hamilton College or its student body. Advocating for a community that turns its back on its member by encouraging punitive rather restorative justice is unacceptable if we are actually interested in solving the problem of drunk driving. And an ignorant denial of the role of environment in either creating or eradicating the circumstances that bring about criminal activity is not the means to a real solution.

There's something very wrong when our first reaction to a drunk driving incident is "well, the current punishment must not be enough of a deterrent." Mutual respect between individuals and community should be the prime motivator of responsible behavior, not the threat of punishment. But when we shift our focus away from the cause and solution of crime, and towards punitive action, we are doing our community a great injustice.

The recent incidents of drunk driving have not gone unaddressed by the administration. I'd hardly call a three-semester suspension (essentially equivalent to expulsion) a "minor infraction" or a "petty fine." The Judicial Board's new approach to "cracking-down" on reckless behavior is insulting to the integrity of the Hamilton community. The J-Board seems concerned only with retribution, nearly abandoning any efforts of rehabilitation through educational or restorative punishment (at least this takes the back burner in many cases). Could the students involved in these incidents have drug or alcohol problems? Were they exposed to drunk driving education before coming to Hamilton? (this is a relevant question in reference to student from large cities like New York) What, if anything, about Hamilton's social environment may be encouraging the increase in drunk driving? These are important questions. I personally don't feel comfortable leaving them unanswered for the purpose of setting an "example" that is intended to scare people into responsibility. I don't feel comfortable "ridding the community" of any student who we could potentially help. In last week's article on the Judicial Board, several J-Board members were quoted claiming that students of this nature "do not belong in an academic community." And I didn't think academia could possibly get more arrogant. We all know that we're privileged here at Hamilton, but how often do we really use this privilege to the full potential? We have the time, resources, and (I would hope) the community support to give students the help that they can't, and won't, get elsewhere.

It's unacceptable for the Spectator to encourage the attitude that "irresponsibility and reckless behavior are innate in some students." We can't preach about the value of human life, and in the very next breath question the innate goodness of human beings. Nor are we in any position to judge what is "innate" in others. We act as though we're somehow too good to deal with real problems. Getting the problem out of Hamilton is a quick-fix for our community, but by no means a solution to a significant and dangerous problem. Denouncing drunk driving and its consequences is one thing-abandoning our fellow students and community members is another.

Rebecca Karb '02

There is obviously a problem at Hamilton with students driving under the influence of alcohol. The posters around campus claim that 77% of our students do not drink and drive. Not the most impressive statistic, since it means that almost one in every four do. The administration has decided that suspending perpetrators' rights to education is a fair punishment. Once suspended, it is highly unlikely that any reputable school will accept that student. As for any college that will, chances are that Hamilton will not find it appropriate to transfer the credits, nor will a diploma from such a school be viewed in the same way by the outside world.

College is supposed to be a place of learning and growing - a process that requires making mistakes. Some of us need to learn from experience and although it may take something drastic, we do eventually learn. The threat of suspension in this case was not enough to deter students from getting in the car at the end of the night, even though they had consumed alcoholic beverages. Would it not be more valuable to the community to have students who are adamantly against drinking and driving around at the end of the night to argue with those about to drive? Students who have learned from experience how easy it is to get into an accident and how traumatic and horrifying it is when it happens would be a crucial reminder to us all of the consequences. The Judicial Board claims that it "treats every case individually and provides educational and positive sanctions for the students." Should this include suspending one's education? At a school filled with and run by such intelligent people, can better punishments not be thought of? What about punishments which would serve to guide a prepare students for the "real world", aid rather than hinder their future and benefit other students as well. Perhaps speeches by perpetrators who learned from their mistakes would have a positive effect on the student body. Have we not yet learned that it is the root of the problem that needs to be pulled out? This is not done by sending away those who are caught, nor by making their mistakes public knowledge. It is done through education, the elimination of ignorance, and the changing of minds, things Hamilton College and its judicial systems are supposed to stand for, as well as represent.

Paige Kaneb '04

The *Spectator's* Position

It is not Spectator policy to directly address letters to the editor. However, when week after week, the editorial board receives letters challenging the credibility of our publication, a response is inevitable. Although the editors of the newspaper see some conflict as good, inciting conversation and discussion over important issues, it is never the intentions of the editors to incite scandal. Scandal is not the objective of The Spectator, it is to inform the campus of important campus issues and the policies and the changes occurring around the news.

It is unusual that a letter to the editor crosses our path that we feel deserves a response to go along with its printing. The letter to the editor by Rebecca Karb was in response to the editorial that ran in last week's issue of The Spectator. Every Tuesday the editors of every section meet to discuss any concerns for the week's issue, to agree upon an editorial topic, and to give a page count for the issue. It begins to get redundant responding to all the tragedies on campus with the typical: "Vandalism is bad," "Drunk driving is bad," and "Rape is bad." As a collective group of ambitious Hamilton students, we've begun to try and put our own spin on campus issues, offering solutions rather than pointing out the obvious ills of our campus.

Every week something in The Spectator enrages someone. A slip of the eye could result in an editorial mishap, an opinion piece can whip dissenters into a frenzy, or simply reporting or not reporting an event on campus can bring letters of disgust and disrespect. The skyrocketing number of occurrences of drunk driving on campus requires careful consideration. Often times, our editorial intentions are misconstrued, misunderstood, and twisted into something to argue with. The editorial from last week was, most importantly, addressing the need for no more excuses to be made.

Karb asks three questions that perpetuate this thinking: "Could the students involved in these incidents have drug or alcohol problems?" "Were they exposed to drunk driving education before coming to Hamilton?" and "What, if anything, about Hamilton's social environment may be encouraging the increase in drunk driving?" These questions provide easy outs, excuses, for the irresponsibility of drunk drivers. She also focused on the Spec's editorial board's discussion of J-Board decisions. The editorial did not intend to evaluate the J-Board but strongly encouraged stronger sanctions and punishments by the Oneida County District Attorney. It's time for the students to stop making excuses for their actions and it's time for their excuses to stop being acceptable.

by Bill Chenevert '05

A J-Board Member responds

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the irresponsible and frankly dangerous letter written by Rebbecca Karb '02, in regards to the Judicial Board's policy on driving while under the influence of alcohol. Karb's logic is too often flawed and unfortunately indicative of the type of reasoning, which perpetuates this life-threatening behavior based on feelings of self-righteousness and false invincibility. Therefore, the following retort will systematically rebut the nonsensical arguments put forth by Karb, while interjecting the Board's reasoning for taking such a strong and responsible stance in regards to this infraction.

To begin, Karb criticizes the Administration based on her unintelligible perception of the Administration's inadequacy "in promoting a safe" community. However, she fails to realize that by suspending the perpetrators of drunk driving, the "Administration," more specifically the Judicial Board, has in fact, done its part in protecting the very community Karb claims to care so much about. The Judicial Board is in no way "turning its back on its members," as Karb suggests, but rather, taking every measure possible to protect them against a fate that should be unthinkable to any student worthy of a Hamilton education.

Karb continues to write that "if we are really interested in solving the problem of drunk driving" the Judicial Board should issue educational, rather than punitive sanctions for this infraction. The assumption, which is later clearly articulated by Karb, is that not all students may be aware of the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol (especially "in reference to students from large cities like New York.") If Karb is right in that assumption, than our real problem should be with the Admission's Office, who would then be admitting students that lacked any common sense or intellectual prowess. That, of course, is not the case. And, as a result, the Judicial Board does not sanction accordingly.

In yet another attempt to jab the judicial process (all of which I actually take as huge compliments to my Board), Karb writes, "The Judicial Board's new approach to 'cracking-down' on reckless behavior is insulting to the integrity of the Hamilton community." In no way is my intent to insult Karb's integrity, but the only comment worthy of her previous statement is: WHAT?

Next, Karb asks three questions, which she "personally doesn't feel comfortable leaving unanswered." As a result, I've decided to take it upon myself to answer her questions.

First, the Judicial Board is aware that some of the students who drive while under the influence of alcohol may, in fact, have substance abuse problems. As a result, however, to suggest that these students should then be allowed to remain apart of this community is ludicrous. In fact, given the possibility of true substance abuse, these students are truly better served to temporally be separated from the College, while they receive adequate rehabilitation.

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Susan McCouch gives Hansmann Science Lecture

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Wednesday, November 26 marked the annual Ralph E. & Doris M. Hansmann Science Lecture. Dr. Susan McCouch, Associate Professor of Plant Breeding at Cornell University, presented her talk, titled "Genes, Genomics and GMOs," in which she discussed her research in the field of plant genetics.

McCouch offered a unique perspective on genetically modified organisms, namely rice and other grains. Her discussion focused not solely on laboratory science and genetics, but encompassed the broader topics of human agriculture, the Green Revolution, genetically modified organisms and their potential benefits to millions of the world's poorest people.

Jinnie Garrett, professor of biology and chair of the biology department, was responsible for inviting McCouch to the Hill. Garrett told *The Spectator* that McCouch's innovative research was apt to interest a large cross-section of the Hamilton population and also conveniently complemented this semester's focus on the Green Revolution in Biology 115: Foundations and Frontiers, a new course taught jointly by Garrett and Associate Professor of Biology William Pfitsch.

McCouch opened her talk with an assessment of the role of humans in shaping ecological diversity. She discussed how years of human migration served to transport seeds to new environments, spreading natural variety across the globe and forcing crops to adapt to new environments. For example, as communities expanded to the mountainous regions of the Philippines, rice species adapted to cold weather and high altitudes.

McCouch went on to introduce the idea that humans have been performing genetic experiments long before the science of genetics was developed. Since the advent of agricultural societies, humans have been selecting the best crops to cross-breed and proliferate; these selective breeding techniques essentially created the first genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Today, agricultural science and crop management are far more scientific than simple breeding control. In the past several decades, grain production has been revolutionized by the extensive use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, and genetic modification of plants to increase yield.

This type of genetic modification is precisely what Dr. McCouch has focused her research on. Asking the question "are wild ancestors of cultivated rice good sources of novel genes for crop improvement?," McCouch has studied the potential for creating new high-yield varieties of rice by the introduction of "new" genes into the over 80,000 different rice accessions currently recognized in laboratories and crops around the world.

McCouch has pioneered this idea of introducing ancient alleles (alternative forms of a gene) back into modern rice varieties. She explained that as humans selected for strains of rice to breed, the alleles of the plants selected against were consequently lost. Her work thus focuses on crossing wild type rice with modern high-yielding cultivars to see if combining the genes of the two plants will results in more vigorous offspring.

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Susan McCouch and her genetically modified rice.

Using quantitative trait locus (QTL) analysis, McCouch has worked to isolate genes specific for enhancing the yield and overall performance of rice crops. Quantitative traits are those whose expression varies over a continuous range of measurement, such as earliness of flowering, height, and crop yield in rice. Loci (designated locations on a chromosome) that control the expression of quantitative traits are called quantitative trait loci.

McCouch's research team has already isolated the QTL for "earliness" in rice. Her team has bred rice that flower and bloom earlier than modern day varieties by incorporating ancient wild type alleles. This is of particular interest to farmers in Texas who can harvest two rice crops if flowering occurs early enough in the season. The capability to control this trait in rice through genetic manipulation or selective breeding methods may lead to higher crop yields.

The next big question for plant scientists is what genes underlie the "wild QTLs," and what do they do? Once these genes have been isolated from a known QTL, they can be cloned and sequenced, providing scientists more information about the specific mechanism of the gene's actions.

Rice is rapidly becoming a preferred model for agricultural genomics. It has a small genome, making it cheap and relatively easy to sequence. Rice has 12 chromosomes, and its genome is one-fourth that of wheat and one-sixth that of corn. Consequently, the rice genome has large blocks of conserved sequence homology between it and the genetic map of other crops, like wheat and corn; this will allow scientists to study the genes of a variety of agricultural crops based on the complete sequencing of the rice genome, which is expected within the next year.

Dr. McCouch is presently Associate Professor of Plant Breeding at Cornell University, a position she has held since 1995. She earned her Ph.D. in Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Entomology from Cornell in 1990. Dr. McCouch also has a M.S. in Plant Pathology from the University of Massachusetts as well as a B.A. in Hispanic Studies. Prior to beginning her professorship at Cornell, McCouch served as Associate Geneticist in the Department of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biochemistry at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Ba'os, Philippines.

At the conclusion of her lecture, Dr. McCouch stressed the idea that despite recent innovations and a dramatic increase in rice production, per capita production or consumption has not improved accordingly. Acknowledging this drastic inequality in food availability worldwide, she ended her lecture with a call to explore "novel ways of thinking of how we can use new knowledge wisely." "The lives of many people," she said, "depend on it."

Where have all the snowflakes gone?

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

It's December and finals are here. So what is with this warm weather? Leaving your room in December wearing only a T-shirt would normally be seen as a sign of mental illness. However, this year, the lack of arctic temperatures seems just as odd. Is this unseasonably warm weather, suited more for early fall than winter, and the distinct lack of snow on campus the result of global warming?

Global warming can be a natural process in which earth's climate slowly changes, resulting in warmer weather, increased rainfall, and rising sea levels. Global warming occurs naturally over hundreds of thousands of years. However, because the temperature of the earth rose one degree Fahrenheit over the past century, many scientists believe that the change is due to the greenhouse effect.

The greenhouse effect occurs as sunlight enters the atmosphere and is absorbed by the earth. Once most of the light is absorbed, it is sent back through the atmosphere, where atmospheric gases such as carbon dioxide, nitric oxide, and methane trap the light.

Without the atmospheric gases playing a role in the greenhouse effect, the earth would be 60 degrees Fahrenheit colder, which would not be warm enough for humans to survive.

Since the Industrial Revolution, however, the warming of the earth has accelerated, due to the excess amount of gases being released into the air and trapped in the atmosphere.

The burning of fossil fuels in correlation with most industrial practices plays a huge role in enhancing the greenhouse effect. For example, each time the television or the stereo is turned on, the global warming trend is accelerated since most power plants rely on the burning of coal or oil to produce electricity.

While scientists predict that the temperature of the earth will rise two to six degrees Fahrenheit over the next century may not seem like anything to worry about, the temperature at the peak of the ice age about 18,000 years ago was only seven degrees colder than the temperature now.

A change this significant could alter ecosystems around the world because many animals and plants would be unable to adapt to the temperature change fast enough to survive. An increase in temperature could also cause the glaciers to melt and the oceans to rise, resulting in flooding, beach erosion, and the saltwater contamination of fresh water environments.

Rising temperatures could also have a negative effect on health, as many people, especially the elderly, would have difficulty adapting to a warmer climate. In fact, it is estimated that if the temperature were to rise one degree, the number of deaths due to heat in New York City alone would increase from 300 to 700 each year.

Global warming could also create problems with ground level ozone, which is already a problem in many cities. Air pollution is worse in the heat beacuase gases are more easily trapped in the atmosphere. Higher temperatures would also lead to increased pollution from power plants because they would have to burn more coal or oil in order to keep up with the demand of electricity from air conditioners alone.

The combination of these two factors would increase the smog concentration in cities, many of which already exceed the national standards, and could have the potential to increase the number of people with respiratory illnesses.

In light of this information, is New York's lack of snow due to the global warming trend? The answer is unclear; however, over the past century the average temperature in Albany has increased by one degree Farhenheit. The frequency of hot days in the summer months has also increased, as well as the amount of precipitation, which has increased 10 percent. However, this does not mean that cold winter weather will pass us by.

In an average season, Utica receives about 95.3 inches of snow, and by this time about 25 inches of snow should have fallen. There is no need to worry that global warming has made the climate insufficient for snow accumulation, however, as last year ranked as one of the top ten seasons in accumulated snowfall with an amazing 157 inches. Most of this snow arrived in one of the ten big snowstorms that hit the area, each depositing six inches of snow or more.

Although it is not clear that there is a correlation between snowfall amounts and global warming, and although we cannot base predictions for this winter upon the outcome of last year, things still look promising for a cold and snowy winter. However, on some particularly nasty winter days, global warming may not be too bad of an idea.

Danny entertains snowless but spirited campus

by Chris Takacs '05
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

Recently, tens of students, dozens of parents, and over forty children from ages three to fourteen gathered in the Annex to see one man, his guitar; and his green, blue, and red striped shirt. Many of the attendees had already seen him before and had returned for another dose of holiday fun. A select few had been to every show since he started coming to Hamilton College six years ago. All of those who attended that afternoon from four to six o'clock left with a sense that, despite the lack of snow, the Christmas season has begun.

Danny McCarthy, acoustic guitarist, singer, and entertainer of both kids and adults, performed his musical magic with a holiday feeling to it on Wednesday, December 5th. His singalong theme had 5-year-olds and 50-year-olds alike dancing to their favorite holiday songs, singing tunes from "Frosty the Snowman" to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer."

The event, which was sponsored and organized by HAVOC with the assistance of HAVOC advisor Jeff McCarn, began just after four o'clock, when a group of people, most of them full-fledged Santa-believers, swarmed into the Annex. Red and green cookies, punch, and hot chocolate with lots of marshmallows (some of the cups *only* contained marshmallows) refreshed the audience before the performance began. When Danny did appear on stage, the first words to leave his mouth were "The more you sing, the better I sound." With his introduction taken care of, he burst into "Jingle Bells," followed soon after by "The Hokey Pokey," and invited the entire room to get up and dance, which the majority eagerly did. "There are no rules on a college campus, so dance whenever you want."

"If you see a song on the sheet and like it, yell it out and we'll sing it," he recommended, taking requests a number of times. The most popular song with the children seemed to be "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," though "The Chicken Dance" was a favorite among many of the professors.

One of those, Professor of Psychology Gregory Pierce, who also came last year with his three children, remarked that "It is great to see all the faculty, kids and parents singing and dancing." His daughter Katie agreed: "He [Danny] is fun because I get to dance with friends and sing songs." As to her favorite song, she simply replied, "Jingle Bell Rock" and skipped over to a group of girls to join them.

Just then, another four girls, a cappella singers in the making, sang their version of "You Are My Sunshine" with a little backup guitar to help them. Before the event ended, around a dozen other children would make cameo appearances with Danny.

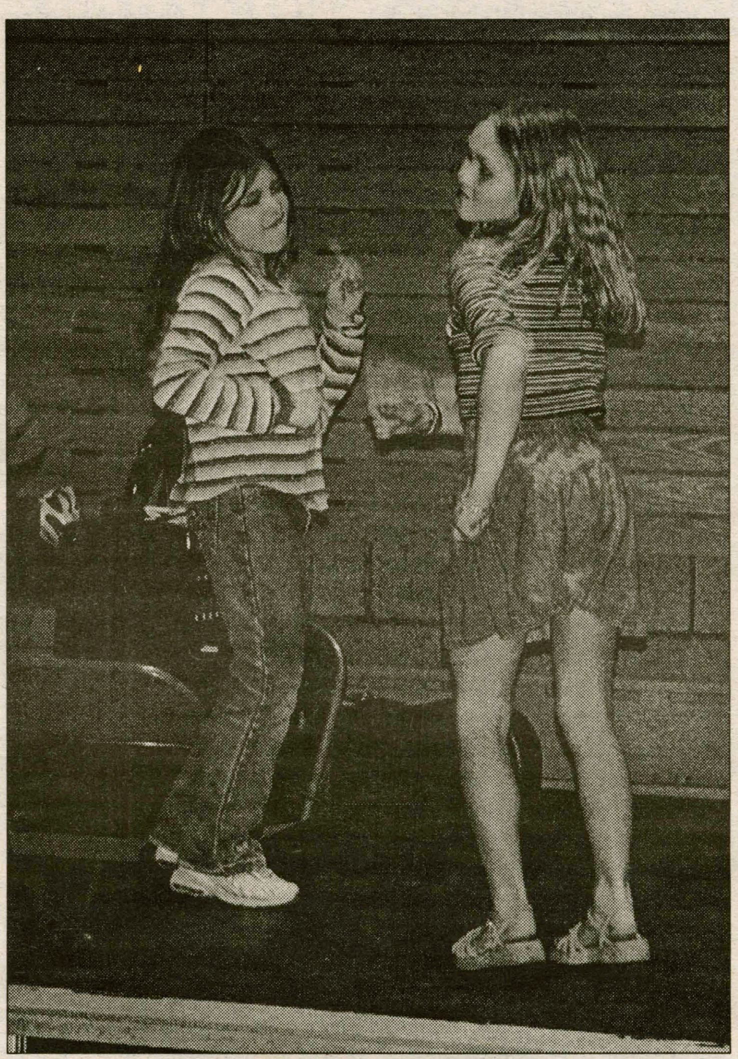
Biology Professor Herm Lehman, who took his daughter Ally and son Zack to see the performer for the first time, remarked, "Danny is fantastic. This is a great way to start the Christmas season."

Danny finished off the afternoon with "Frosty the Snowman," and a message that "I hope you all walk out of here with the goal of being nice to each other for the whole year."

Speaking with Danny, who hails from Dennisport, Massachusetts, after the show, I found out that he can spend as much as two or three weeks "touring" around colleges at a time, though he will often do single shows nearby if invited. I also learned that he has been performing at colleges for fifteen years. As to how he got started playing at schools like Hamilton, he replied, "I'm not sure. I used to play a lot of venues, then I started getting into Colleges... I try to provide students with *no* intellectual activity for about an hour; that way they can go back to studying and face what they're doing in a better way." Danny explained that it can also show to the college students who participate that they can do something that's a lot of fun without having alcohol. "This is not meant as an anti-alcohol message, just a way to show students that they don't need it to enjoy themselves."

As for why he performs for smaller kids, he replied that "some of these kids don't have a whole lot, so they can come to one of my shows, and I can share my talents with them." A reason that was left unsaid, probably because it was so taken for granted by him, was that Danny absolutely adores children.

Danny is not sure whether he'll come back to Hamilton next year, but for thanks to his appearance this year, seventy or so children, students, professors, and parents now have a few more tunes to whistle to, as well as fond holiday memories to look back on as they await Santa.



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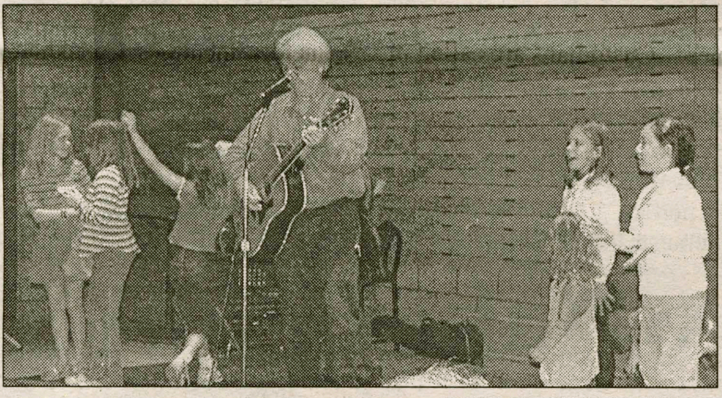
Inspired by Danny McCarthy's musical prowess,these two dancing queens shake their holiday booty to the tune of "Jingle Bell Rock" a la Britney. HAVOC Executive Board sponsored his campus visits for the past six years.



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"Some of these kids don't have a whole lot, so, they can come to one of my shows and I can share my talents with them,"said McCarthy stating his reasons for performing. Children from the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program and tutoring programs enjoyed snacks and singalongs alike.

Kirkland Project announces first conference:

Calls for literary, theatrical, and visual submissions focusing on the body

by Brenna Chiaputti '02
FEATURES WRITER

On March 9th, the Kirkland Project will be holding its first open conference. "The Body Conference" will be part of this year's series, "The Body in Question," and will feature any students, faculty, groups and organizations wishing to speak out on various issues related to the body. March 9th will also be the unveiling of "The Wall," the culmination of various cardstocks squares that individuals or groups on campus have chosen to decorate."The Wall" will feature various quilts assembled out of cardstocks that have visual or textual "marks or remarks" on or about the body. Both events hope to reflect on various questions such as, what do people think about their bodies? What do people think about other peoples' bodies? How do body issues affect our interactions with others? How has coming to Hamilton affected peoples' bodies/body images? And, how do these body issues play out on a global level? In addition to "The Wall" and various contributions to the conference, the Project will also include a film series. Throughout the Spring semester, experimental, narrative and documentary films related to the body and body image will be sponsored by the Kirkland Project.

One of the goals the Kirkland project is focusing on this year is to attract a larger community involvement from those who live off the Hill. "We want to provide a way for the community to benefit from the rich resources we have here on campus," says Director and Cofounder Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz. This is one reason why the Kirkland project is sponsoring its first open conference. "There are so many great minds right here," says Rabinowitz.

The body and the questions surrounding it contribute to the larger study of gender, society, and culture that the Kirkland Project has embraced. "It [Kirkland Project] was started six years ago by a group of faculty who were interested in talking about women's issues, the connection between gender, race and sexuality, and also in making Hamilton college a place where a diverse population could feel welcome," said Director and co-founder Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz.

The Kirkland Project sponsors a variety of other programs including the Brown Bag Lunch Series aimed at supporting faculty research, reading groups that focus on issues relating to gender and science, a Student Associates Program in which selected students meet every other week to discuss student research, and the Institute in Diversity and Curricular Transformation, in which facilitators lead faculty members in four days if intensive discussion on how to change the curriculum and teach new material on gender and diversity.

In order to create awareness and discussion around these issues, the Kirkland Project has featured a vast collection of speakers and performers in the past who have shared their expertise on such topics as "Educational Democracy," "Breast Cancer," and "Southern Accents."

Among those featured for this years series, "The Body in Question" was performance artist Kate Bornstein, a series of lecturers, Nayan Shah, Elizabeth Siegel Watkins, Amber Hollibaugh, and a multimedia dance performance by HT Chen & Dancers.

This year's series will conclude with the film series, The

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Party 'leftovers' don't deter custodial crusaders

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Think about a weekend of partying on campus and the mess that is left behind. Now think about the people who end up having to clean it up. An often under-appreciated yet integral part of the Hamilton community, the custodial staff here works hard day after day to keep the campus clean and safe for the people who live and work here.

The custodial staff, overseen and supervised by James Vivyan, manager of custodial services who has been working here since 1984, is made up of 56 people, including six forepersons. The staff provides custodial coverage seven days a week, with eight people having Saturday and Sunday as regular work shifts. On a normal day, custodians are on campus from 6 a.m., hours before students are thinking about getting to class, and they remain here till 2:30 pm.

Custodial Foreperson Patricia Critelli says that most people don't know how much work goes into custodians' jobs. Aubrey Owens, a fellow Custodial Foreperson, remarks, "Lots of people up here think it's an easy job, and it's not." He adds, "If anyone wants, I can bring him around and show him how much work it is."

Custodians are assigned to primary working locations through a type of lottery process. Through a union, locations are awarded by seniority. When a job vacancy materializes, the building is up for bid. Out of the bids that are placed, the person with the most seniority gains that location. The least desired locations are Dunham, Milbank, Bundy East, and Bundy West, while the better dorms to work in are Saunders, Major, Minor and McIntosh. Critelli adds, though, "From year to year it changes." September through May, the average dorm receives six hours of cleaning per day, while dorms like Milbank, Babbitt, and Bundy East can receive, with the work of multiple custodians, up to 12 hours of cleaning. Custodians are usually assigned to one primary work area, and as the day proceeds, they may move on to one or two more sites.

On weekends, athletic facilities, dining halls, the library, and the Chapel are main concentrations, but the trash must be collected from all dorms as well. Often on the weekends, special programming and social space cleaning is also needed. Along the way, many stops must be made to correct and clean up damage.

However, the departure of students at the end of the academic year does not mean a break for the custodial staff. In fact, it means quite the opposite. Critelli says, "Life is hell here for two weeks after the students leave."

> *"Custodians are probably the most under appreciated group on campus. There are a lot of egos running around on this hill, and theirs aren't among them." -Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant*

In those two weeks each and every dorm room, along with academic buildings, must be cleaned and put into tip-top shape after an academic year of wear and tear, in order to prepare for the upcoming class reunions.

Approximately three weeks after the reunions come to an end, summer programs begin, changing over every week and providing more than enough of a challenge for custodial staff scheduling. All the while, temperatures are rising and making working conditions less bearable. As summer programs end, the early arrivals to campus in mid to late August overlap, and once again, the custodians are hard at work. At this point in the year, Vivyan tells us, "custodians are living here, seeing each other more than their families."

In preparation for the arriving freshman and the upperclassmen that soon follow, custodians are working longer hours, sometimes from 5:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours upon hours are spent hauling furniture and putting together lofts at the beginning and end of the academic year.

Vivyan says that the custodial staff is "trying to create a great product in short time periods." Above all, he adds, "the custodians are trying to keep the students happy." Through all their work, he says, "they provide a safe living environment."

Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge tells us that custodians receive benefits that many Hamilton employees receive, including 7 sick days, 11 holiday/personal days, 2 to 4 weeks of vacation, 401k, and educational benefits that include tuition grants for children. Other advantages include job security, and Vivyan says, "The staff is small enough where we care about each other; it's a supportive, tight-knit group."

Students' relations with custodians seem to be subject to variation. Critelli says, "Some wouldn't say good morning if their life depended on it." On the other hand, once a group of students took up a collection to give their dorm custodian a holiday bonus of $150. Others have made cookies.

In general, though, even a hello and a smile can brighten anyone's day. "Just someone saying hello can make you feel like what you've done is worth it. It comes down to thinking about other people," Critelli tells us.

Rachel Schneider '03 says, "All of the custodial staff that I have met are really nice people. Last year, our custodian noticed that we liked watching movies, and he lent us some from his own collection to watch." Robert DeFina '04, who always says hi when he sees his dorm's custodian, believes that the custodial staff is generally well respected, but not necessarily appreciated as much as they should be.

Hawkridge says of student-staff interaction, "Many have close relations with the students. It's really a two-way street; they can learn from each other." However, on the other side, he also notes that "if you have students that have no respect for themselves, it's hard to have respect for somebody else, including those working for them."

Consider the work that a custodian might face here. Schneider says, "No one cleans up after themselves." Custodians have to deal with cleaning up what is left behind, which can include beer bottles, broken glass, vomit, and excrement. Custodians are called in from home when a fire extinguisher is needlessly used and the remnants have to be cleaned up. No one enjoys cleaning up the array of things like that. Also, in the process, custodians have to work with caustic materials that often have very low or high pH levels in order to maintain standards of cleanliness and hygiene.

Some point to a lack of respect that can lead to more work for the custodians. Rebecca Fabricant '03 says, "I am always appalled at how much trash people leave around after Registration. They obviously have no respect for the staff; they don't even care that someone has to clean it up, as long as it's not them."

Critelli looks at it this way: "If everybody just thought, 'What if I had to do this?' they might realize that if you wouldn't want to do this, why would you want to make someone else do it?" Speaking of the custodial staff's role on campus, Hawkridge says, "What they do is huge."

Despite the fact that custodians often have to face discouraging conditions after a weekend of partying, Hawkridge says, "For what they walk into, for all that they do, they have a positive attitude day in and day out." He adds, "Custodians are probably the most under-appreciated group on campus. There are a lot of egos running around on this hill, and theirs aren't among them."

Among the custodial staff, there is a range of experience; some have been here for many years, and others are relative newcomers. Owens has been working here for five years, coming here after 14 years on Utica College night shifts. "I like it better here," he says. Critelli has been here for 13 years. John McGovern, a custodial foreperson who is, as Hawkridge says, "good as gold," has been working here since 1977. Schneider mentions Custodian Vinh Nguyen, who works in South dormitory, saying, "We loved Vinh; he's a really funny guy." Custodian Charlie Lewis has been working at Hamilton since April 27th, 1970, and according to Hawkridge, he "has seen a lot in his days here."

It is clear that the custodians do more work and harder work than many consider, and they often go unrecognized for that work. Think about what the campus would be without their contribution. Perhaps such thoughts might encourage you to smile and say hi to the next custodian you see or show your appreciation in some other way, if you might not have in the past.

The Body in Question

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Body Conference, and "The Wall," in addition to speaker Lynne Luciano on January 25th, who will address "Remaking Male Bodies: The Defeminization of Cosmetic Surgery in Modern America" and Karen Smith, "The Politics of Hunger," will take part in a panel discussion. In February, Susan Bordo will present "Beauty on the Brain," poet Olga Broumas will be visiting, and Artists in Residence Sharon Bridgeforth and Luz Guerra will complete "The Body in Question" series for this year.

Those involved in the coordination of The Kirkland Project are enthusiastic about its success so far, "Last year, we were so pleased with the Southern Accents series. We have been equally happy with the success of this years events," said Robin Vanderwall, Assistant Director of the Kirkland Project.

Lauren Koss, Administrative Assistant to the Kirkland Project for the Hewlett Grant would like to encourage as many community members, faculty, and students to get involved. Wall cards are available at the Kirkland Project Office located in Couper 202. Faculty are encouraged to distribute them in classes and student organizations to distribute them in their meetings.

Individuals and groups are welcome to present their work at the conference. The Sexual Assault Committee will be doing a panel discussion and several classes will be doing roundtable discussions of issues raised in class. Non-traditional, creative representations are also encouraged to participate. Prospects for insightful and exciting contributors include performances by visual artists, the Dance Team, and a sculptor.

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The "Dark" Side

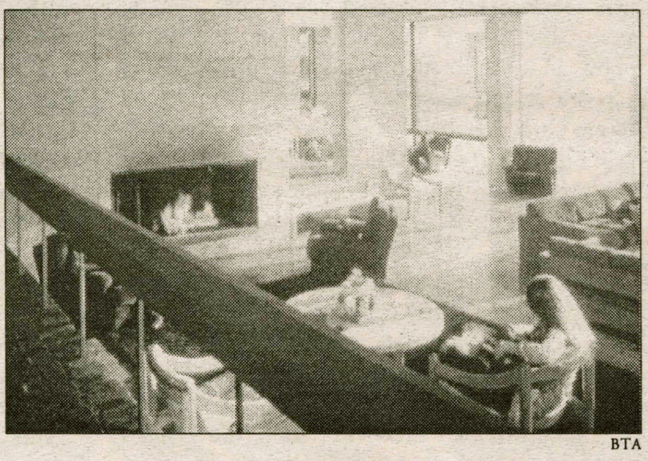
Kathleen McGrory '05 digs deep to uncover the secrets of the South Side

Some love it's retro look and homey feel. Others despite the cold concrete walls. Whatever your feelings about the dark side may be, the waffle ceilings and boxy buildings certainly contribute to the uniqueness of life on the Hill. And there are no two ways about it: the architecture just beyond Beineke is certainly distinct.

Just why was this particular style chosen? When Kirkland Women's College was in the planning phases, the Board of Trustees was open to a wide variety of styles.

"Benjamin Thompson was able to present the best construction plan and ultimately got the go-ahead to construct Kirkland College. He was able to sweet talk the Board of Trustees," laughed Rand Carter, Professor of Art and Architecture. "Kirkland even presented Benjamin Thompson with a medal, what the college was used to issue instead of an honorary degree."

Who was Benjamin Thompson? He was the former head of Benjamin Thompson and Associates, a Cambridge based architecture firm. Responsible for the Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Benjamin Thompson and Associates, known simply as BTA, boasts an impressive number of projects. The company's founder created The Architects Collaborative with famous architect Walter Gropius, and later formed the firm in 1966. Since, BTA's jobs have included the Kennedy Performing Arts Center and Union Station in Washington, DC, the Chicago Navy Pier, and numerous northeastern university campuses.



BTA

Yes, other university campuses. Contrary to popular belief, the architectural style used to construct Kirkland College is hardly one of a kind. According to Hank Haff, a principal at BTA, the boxy, concrete style that dominates the Dark Side can be found all over the northeastern university circuit.

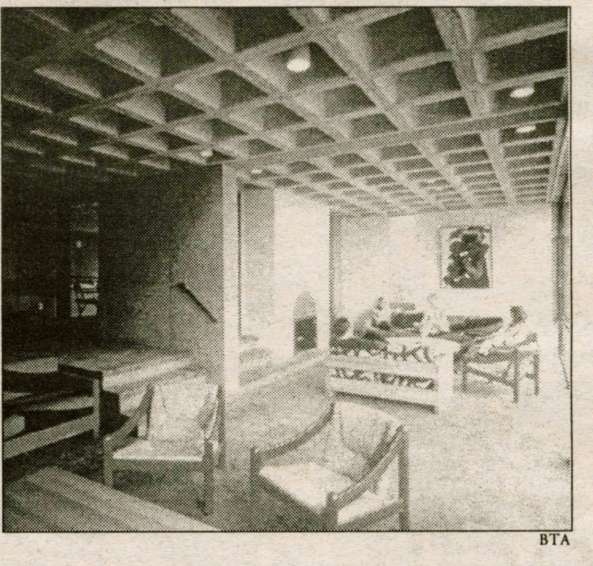
"The slate floors and the waffle slab style was a design vocabulary BTA used on many college and university buildings at the time," explained Haff, an employee of BTA since 1977.

In fact, a visit to any number of prestigious colleges will have a Hamilton student citing déjà vu. The Harvard Graduate School of Education's Library exhibits concrete features similar to those which have come characterize the Dark Side. The Brothman Science Center and Graylock Dormitories of Williams College have layouts similar to those of Kirkland College, and were all constructed to the same scale. In addition to similar exteriors, many collegiate buildings contain interiors nearly identical to those of Kirkland. The insides of the Dormitory buildings at Colby College, the Music Building at Amherst and numerous structures at the Harvard School of Law resemble the interior spaces of the dark side, despite exhibiting a variety of different external features, including white and red brick.

In fact, for their characteristic style of university contracting, BTA was awarded both the 1979 Northeastern Campus Design Award and the 1977 Boston Society of Architect's Export Design Award for Boston architects working outside of the greater Boston Area.

This "style," however was neither unique to BTA nor the northeast. BTA's structures were heavily influenced by the International Style, an architectural approach which swept through the United States and Europe through the nineteen twenties and thirties. Characterized by its simple use of geometric lines, the International Style often employed such materials as steel and reinforced concrete.

The modern style of architecture may have very well been chosen to reinforce the educational values of Kirkland College: a contemporary educational experience for the contemporary woman.



BTA

Although BTA could not have possibly predicted the merge between Hamilton and Kirkland, perhaps the architecture firm would be pleased by quiet and comfortable nature of the 'dark side.' The company had hoped to provide an intimate environment for the students of Kirkland College through a number of integrating spaces.

"One of the goals was to create a series of courtyards," described Haff. "We wanted a hierarchy of public to private courtyards. Thus, you have the cluster of academic buildings and public spaces slowly working their way into the intimate spaces surrounding the dormitories."

Nonetheless, it was top priority for BTA to integrate the structures with the landscape. In addition to the intimate feeling they wished to create, Benjamin Thompson Associates wanted the students to have access to the upstate New York landscapes that characterized the campus.

"The windows, such as those in the dormitories, are there primarily to maximize views," Haff furthered. "The use of such windows was employed often, be the windows operable or just fixed glass. Keep in mind though, that in 1970, double pained glass did not exist. But then again, there wasn't such a concern for energy efficency."

Another important decision was the choice of concrete, which, although was popular in the 1970s, is now often characterized by students as bleak and dismal. Even many similar structures of the time employed brick for their exteriors. Nonetheless, concrete was the final decision of BTA for Kirkland Women's College.

"It had a lot to do more with the availability of the materials than aesthetics," said Haff of the final decision. "It also could have had to do with the construction speed. Some materials are just quicker to work with," he further hypothesized.

And what of everyone's favorite Kirkland feature: the waffle ceiling?

"The Waffle system was one that BTA was using extensively in the 1960s and 1970s. It enabled a flexibility in column placement," Haff explained.

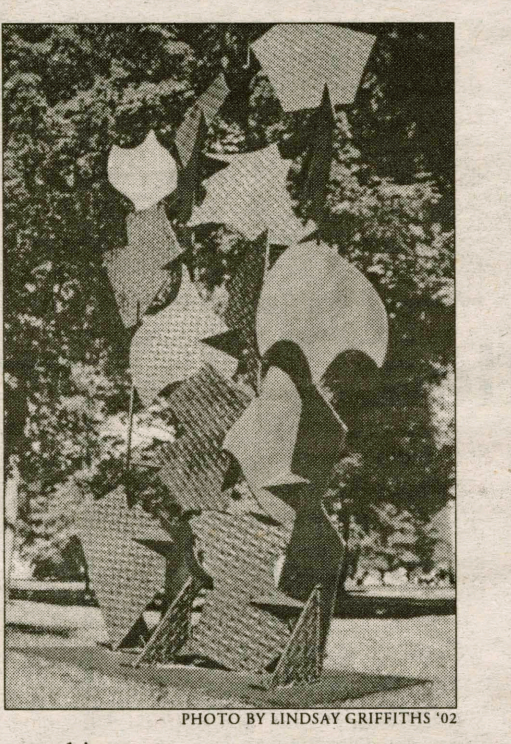
So perhaps the waffle ceilings and concrete walls were not chosen for aesthetics alone. Maybe the Kirkland architecture isn't even one of a kind. Nonetheless, the architects of Benjamin Thompson and Associates took care to construct a contemporary yet traditional campus, that has won a place in Ham student's heart and is known affectionately as 'the dark side.'

Art for Art's sake?

Aletha Asay '05 investigates the campus's unsung artists

Ever wonder where those steel sculptures along Martin's Way came from, who did them, and what they are supposed to represent? Me too. Unfortunately, no one at the Emerson Gallery was able to tell me even who the artists are. Maybe I was looking in the wrong place, but where else would one look to find such information? Sure, I could probably find out if I really did some digging, but the difficulty of accessing information that should be public anyway is discouraging to anyone who might raise the question even on a whim. And, as an artist and art enthusiast, I was disappointed to find that the artists who produced these interesting works were receiving no acknowledgement even from those who actively search for information on them.

In contrast to the dearth of information or direction on where to find information, the Emerson Gallery was able to provide me with plenty of information on the artist David Hayes, whose son is an alumnus. Hayes presented the College with a metal sculpture this past June after the April benefit exhibition, Hamilton Makes Art. The piece, which is about seven feet tall, now stands in front of the Gallery. Called a screen sculpture, it is made of irregularly cut shapes of black steel, stacked end-to-end vertically. The flowing, yet immobile sculpture creates an effect reminiscent of black flames or precarious dancers.



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Well, instead of staying unsatisfied with the result of my casual inquiry, I went back to the Gallery to probe deeper. The Gallery Registrar told me that the Gallery does not have records on the two pieces on Martin's Way, because they were gifts to the College, and not the Gallery. The Physical Plant is in charge of those anonymous sculptures. The one thing I could find out was that the piece that looks like a fence of spears was done by former sculpture professor Jon Von Bergen. The other piece, I was told, is probably a student's sculpture. But who? And why isn't there public recognition for these works?

This brings me to my next question. Is this lack of public recognition responsible for the blatant disrespect of these works of art? For example, the student's piece, resembling a giant bear trap, was seen a few weeks ago halfway down the slope to Root Glen. A few days later it was back approximately in its original position as part of the landscape, but it left me wondering. Who would do such a thing? I think the answer was obvious, by the evidence of beer cans scattered along the slope, but was nonetheless upsetting.

The David Hayes piece has also been toppled over three times since its arrival just five months ago, but then again, his name is actually on the sculpture. So perhaps vandalism is not simply a matter of knowledge or ignorance, as we'd like to think, and is unfortunately an act of deliberate disrespect.

Artsy Fartsy

PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04

Born in New Orleans, she now lives in South Jersey. This Theatre and French double major is a familiar face on campus. She is an Adirondack Adventure Leader and a tour guide, and is spending next semester in Paris, France. Her directing project opens next Friday at 8 pm. Aurélia Fisher '03 is this week's **Artsy Fartsy**.

Why Hamilton?
Instinct. I fell in love with the people and the atmosphere.

Likes? Cherry Coke, the color yellow, sunshine, being outside, and walking through leaves in autumn.

Dislikes?
I have far more likes than dislikes, but I don't like cellphones on campus, lack of snow, mean and bitter people.

Favorite musician?
At present John Mayer

Favorite actor?
Edward Norton

Biggest influences?
My parents and friends

Favorite film?
The Godfather 2, I am fascinated by Italian history as it is my background.

Favorite theatre production?
On campus "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, off campus my community theatre performance of Annie where I was the stage manager.

Hobbies?
Playing Hard. While trying to get work done.

Commons or Mcewen?
Commons without the runaway would be perfect.

Sushi or Taco Bell?
Sushi definitely sashimi and California rolls.

Bungee jumping or skydiving?
Both. At the same time!

One thing you want to do before you graduate?
Throw a party for the theater dept, and get my professors drunk. And then see what fun will unroll

Last words?
Live it up while you can. Remember that your friends keep you grounded in hard times.

Behind Enemy Lines is awe-inspiring

Darcy Lewis '02 ventures into unchartered territory...

Everything Owen Wilson touches turns to gold. He has blessed the works of his long-time friend Ben Stiller for years, working alongside him in such masterpieces of comedy as Meet the Parents, Zoolander, and under Stiller's direction in the darkly funny The Cable Guy. This past weekend he took to the skies, following in the path of Maverick himself, Tom Cruise, in the action thriller Behind Enemy Lines. Wilson has tackled the action genre in the past, with mixed results. He followed the slightly ridiculous Anaconda with the hugely successful Armageddon, then continued on to make the high budget flop remake, The Haunting. Later this year he appears in the highly anticipated The Royal Tenenbaums, co-starring Ben Stiller, Gwyneth Paltrow, Hackman, Bill Murray, and Wilson's brother Luke (Legally Blonde, Charlie's Angels). Now, Wilson has grown into his considerable acting skills by taking on the serious role of Lt. Chris Burnett.

Wilson is Burnett, a talented Navy flight navigator who is jaded with the Navy and is contemplating resigning from his duty as an officer. His commander, Admiral Leslie Reigart, played with frowning determination by Gene Hackman, assigns him to a Christmas mission. The mission is a routine reconnaissance mission, and Burnett, convinces his buddy, pilot Lt. Jeremy Stackhouse, to fly into enemy territory to check out a suspicious cluster of troops. Relative newcomer Gabriel Macht, whose previous parts included the role of Frank James in this summer's American Outlaws, plays Stackhouse. The two see something that is a violation of the peace treaty between an Eastern European country and the US, and as a result of this the rebels shoot down the plane in order to prevent the violation from getting out. The chase scene is one of the suspenseful action scenes I have seen in a long time. Even though the audience knows the eventual result of the chase, the scene loses nothing; it is every bit as fascinating, knowing the outcome. Back on the carrier, Hackman plots to rescue his men, going against strict orders, and jeopardizing the treaty further.

This film is pure, heart-pounding action, so intense at times that the strength of the sound shook me from my chair. The direction is absolutely gorgeous, and each scene seems to have a new method for filming an explosion, or even a simple gunshot. There isn't even time to breathe between each amazing, earth shaking display of firepower. Lines is director John Moore's first picture, but by all accounts he rivals any action film director in the whole industry. He knew exactly how to turn the somewhat weak script into a simple recipe for a bare-bones battle movie. The relationships are at heart of the movie, as there is a close look at the friendships and rivalry between men. Hackman and a fellow Admiral face off against each other, and the close friendship between Wilson and Macht is also examined. Behind Enemy Lines is a pure rush of adrenaline, a wonderful look at one man's battle against time and situation.

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Owen Wilson plays a Navy pilot shot down *Behind Enemy Lines*.

Rahzel from the Floor

by Ben Turner '05
A&E WRITER

Before his performance at Hamilton, I had never heard of Rahzel. By the end of the show, I felt I had witnessed one of the coolest things on earth. Rahzel, *the Godfather of Noyze*, is the beat box for the legendary *Roots* Crew.

Rahzel took the stage in a Jordan Bulls jersey. He began by informing the excited audience that they were about to see a real hip-hop show. He then produced the most mind-blowing noises and incredible tricks and sound effects. My favorites were the vocal scratches and typing sounds, just to name a few. Rahzel's version of Aaliyah's "If Your Girl Only Knew" titled "If Your Mother Only Knew," was particularly amazing. During this song he proclaimed the words that astounded the audience: "the beat AND the chorus AT THE SAME TIME!" Words cannot describe his abilities. Sadly, this was the climax, since his turntables were busted. The crowd was rather disappointed as they all wanted to hear "Four Elements," in which he battles with his turntables.

After the show I had the chance to hang out with Rahzel. He came across as a soft-spoken, humble guy. He thought Hamilton was a cool place, even though he usually plays bigger venues. He lamented the lack of "naked chicks" and asked me to make sure the "Pamela Anderson Lee's" were out in full force next time. It was only after watching him perform that I really understood what the hype was about. And I was definitely far from disappointed.

Gaming Corner:
Wolfenstein

Mithat Yaltir gives you the scoop on one last game

All of the experienced gamers probably played or at least heard about the game "Wolfenstein." It is "Wolfenstein" that opened the way to games like "Doom" and more recent ones like "Half-Life." Many gamers call "Wolfenstein" the father of first person shooters. Therefore, many gamers got excited when *Activision* announced a modern sequel the classic. Fans and game reviewers talked a lot about the great potential such a game would have. Screenshots and other media fueled these discussion, and the climax came when "Return to Castle Wolfenstein" was released on November 21st, 2001. Developed by *Grey Matter*, "Return to Castle Wolfenstein" lets the gamers control an Allied soldier captured by the Nazis during World War II (WWII). As a prisoner in Castle Wolfenstein, the first task is obvious: escape. However, the game develops into an interesting plot. The game successfully creates the WWII atmosphere by making use of good graphics. In fact, the developers did a splendid job in accurately re-creating the weapons of WWII.

One annoying feature of the first person shooter is the fact that gamers can't tell which items can be used. In other words, it is very hard to tell say if a window can be opened, or which furniture in a room can be destroyed. This flaw gets extremely annoying when a gamer has to blow up certain objects such as the electric generator. "Return to Castle Wolfenstein" has a slightly modified game interface that guides the gamers. An icon appears on the bottom center of the screen when the character faces an object, and the icon indicates whether the object should be used or destroyed.

The main character in "Return to Castle Wolfenstein" can move at three different speeds instead of the traditional two: walking, running, and sprinting. Walking is crucial when stealth is essential. If the character can manage to sneak up behind an enemy soldier, a knife will finish off the job silently and without

the cost of ammunition. If the character sprints, it gets harder for the enemy to hit, but the character makes a lot of noise, attracting attention. The Running option combines the pros and cons of walking and sprinting: less noise, more vulnerability to enemy fire.

Unlike graphics, the developers did a poor job with the physics of the game. Enemy soldiers act like sloppy actors in cheap war movies and the bullets don't bounce off the walls the way they should. The game doesn't offer the challenging artificial intelligence (AI) that even the original "Half-Life" did. Enemy soldiers don't pin the main character down by acting as a team. They don't take good cover when under fire. Officers have no influence on the fighting ability of the soldiers.

It seems like "Medal of Honor: Allied Assault," which will be released early January 2002, will be the main challenger of "Return to Castle Wolfenstein" in the gaming market. It is hard to say which one will be better without playing both, but fans of "Wolfenstein" will probably buy this promising sequel.

Wrap Up: Despite some of its flaws, good for multiplayer.

Game Spot

Best selling games during November 18-24, 2001

Rank / Title / Publisher
1) The Sims: Hot Date / Electronic Arts
2) Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone / Electronic Arts
3) Return to Castle Wolfenstein / Activision
4) Roller Coaster Tycoon / Infogrames
5) The Sims / Electronic Arts
6) Backyard Basketball / Infogrames
7) Survivor: The Interactive Game / Infogrames
8) Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon / Ubi Soft
9) Civilization III / Infogrames
10) Zoo Tycoon / Microsoft

"Medal of Honor: Allied Assault" in January
EA's upcoming World War II action game will ship to stores early next year.

Ubi Soft sues Take-Two
A trial date is set for the first round of the legal battle between the two game publishers. The two game publishers have been involved in litigation for the past twelve months over *Take-Two*'s distribution rights of *Red Storm Entertainment* games in Europe and other non-U.S. countries.

(News compiled by Mithat Yaltir'03 from http://www.gamespot.com)

WHCL DJ Profile
Koert Wehberg '04

It's Monday night at 10p.m. You've had a long day, and all you want to do sleep, but you still have three hours of homework ahead of you. You now have two options: you can down a few cups of coffee and some caffeine pills, or, you can tune into WHCL for "The Hard and The Heavy," Koert Wehberg's heavy metal show. With plenty of great heavy metal music, this show is sure to wake you back up and get you ready for that long night ahead of you.

Koert Wehberg, a sophomore from New York City, hosts two hours jam-packed with heavy metal and hard rock every Monday night. You are sure to hear a variety of old favorites and new tunes. Koert is extremely knowledgeable in this area of music, having begun listening to heavy metal five years ago, and provides updates on bands, details about songs, and anything else you might want to know about the music he plays on the show. Having done a radio show at a summer camp when he was 13, Koert, now 20, decided that it was a lot of fun and that if he had the opportunity in the future, he would certainly do another show. That opportunity presented itself when he came to Hamilton last year. Koert said that as soon as he heard about the radio station here, he decided to check it out. He felt that he had an original idea for a show since "not a lot of people here listen to the type of music I play on the show." Koert is now ending his third semester of doing the show. While he only has one show left this semester, Koert says he plans to keep doing a heavy metal show for the remainder of his four years here. Does this mean that we can look forward to hearing him spinning tunes on KROCK some day? Koert says, "I like what I do," but that doesn't necessarily mean a future in broadcasting. He say that he may do an internship at a radio station at some point, but right now he's just doing it for fun. Be sure to keep watch on this avid concert-goer though, because his voice is meant for the radio. Any one who has ever listened to his show would surely agree that he has one of the most clear, confident, and soothing voices that's ever been on the radio.

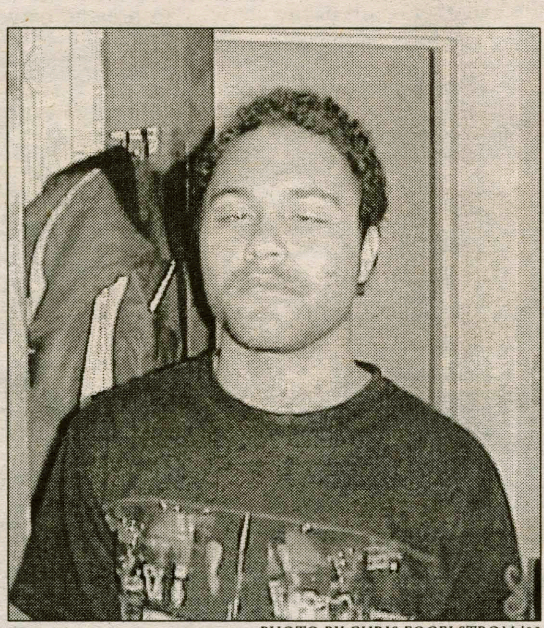


PHOTO BY CHRIS FOGELSTROM '03

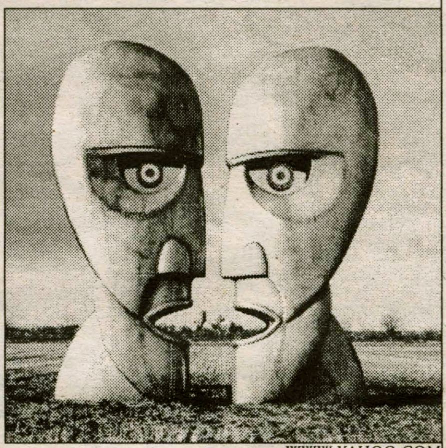
If you are a fan of heavy metal and hard rock music, be sure to tune in to WHCL 88.7FM to hear Koert's show next semester. And definitely check out www.whcl.org when you get back in January to find out what time his show will air next semester.

Alternative Weekend 4

by Whit Rothe '05
A&E WRITER

Exam studying getting you down this weekend? Put on *The Division Bell* by *Pink Floyd*. Released in 1994, the Floyd's second studio album since Roger Waters split from the group is a masterpiece. From the haunting piano chords that open the album in "Cluster One" to the final ring of a bell that tolls for the end, the album has a theme of loss of communication and levels of separation. The lyrics are devoted to human beings who can't seem to communicate properly and long for the object of their miscommunication. It seems that this theme might have been based on *Pink Floyd*'s nasty split with Waters, as many songs are pleading for Roger to try to listen and understand. Of course, this miscommunication can apply to anyone's life, and this adds a very haunting mood to the album.

The music reflects the haunting nature of the lyrics. David Gilmour's guitar work, which gave *The Wall* that vibe of insanity, remains extraordinary and has shown little age. It sounds just as innovative as it did when the released *Dark Side of the Moon* decades ago. If anything, he has improved in his continued age. When the guitar blends with the rest of the band, it creates a positively electrifying sound.



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The Bottom Line: Not as well known as *Dark Side* or *The Wall*, *The Division Bell* is usually overlooked, but it ranks as one of *Pink Floyd*'s greatest.

Play it Safe

"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."

That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?

Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries — bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.

Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective eyewear can prevent or lessen the severity of most eye injuries.

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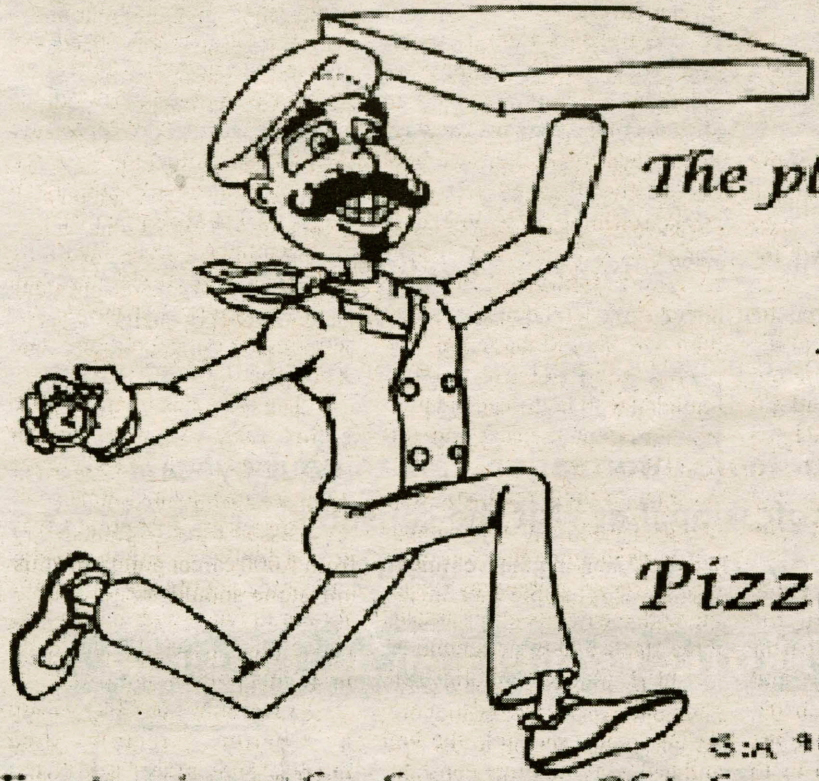

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Spec Sports Spotlight

Spotlight on: Rob Gordon '03 Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03

This week we see our first Winter sports athlete featured as the Spectator Athlete of the Week. Rob Gordon '03 has led his team to a great start. His five point game (two goals, three assists) in the hockey team's 5-3 victory over St. Michael's was the performance that made him The Spectator Athlete of the week for December 7th. Also, it will be fun to interview a Canadian... I think.

Name: Rob Gordon
Year: 2003
Major: Chemistry
Hometown/HS: Peterborough Ontario/Thomas A. Stewart H.S.
Athletic accolades: 1999-2000 team Rookie of the Year. 2x NESCAC Player of the Week
Stats: Leading the 4-1-1 (3-1-1 League) Continentals with 12 points on six goals and six assists
Game rituals or superstitions: We warm up on the squash courts and cause a big ruckus. We also have a pregame saying, "Let's get out there and muck and grind like D. Tucks."
Family: brothers Scott ('04) 20, and John 16, sister Trish 23, mom Patti, father Bob.
What does the team need to do to get into the NESCAC championship: We need to play consistent defense, and continue to improve every day.
You have been injured many times in your career, how have you managed that: Well, in 1997 I tore my right ACL - that was an eight-month comeback. Freshman year, I tore my left ACL and played a year with it. That was not fun at all. I had surgery at the end of the season, and had another eight-month comeback. Right now, I am having a hard time breathing due to some bruised or cracked ribs from the game tonight (Tues. vs. Amherst).
Secret to coming back strong from injury: Determination to come back for the love of the game.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: Doing something in orthopedic sports medicine.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be: RoPao. RoPoe is Tom Paolini's ('03) alter ego who gets all the ladies.
Favorite Movie, why: Rounders. I love degenerates, especially gamblers.
Favorite professor: Prof. Bedient.
Pub, Rok or the VT. Rank them: VT, Pub, Rok - I love the people at the VT, and that lovely *Cheers* atmosphere. I can always count on something to happen at the VT that will make for a great locker room yuck session.
Are you a lover or a fighter: Bro's before hoes!
Commons or McEwen: Commons, I don't go to the dark side. People scare me there.
Favorite campus safety officer: Ciecel and Wayne. They are the most understanding of the hockey mentality.
Is it true that in Canada the men are men and the women are men too: For the most part.
Why do you guys end all your sentences with "eh": I don't know, eh. I guess because it turns a statement into a question.
Do girls dig that hockey player smell, or is it just a team bonding thing: Girls must dig it. Regardless, it sure is a great feeling walking into the locker room and being greeted by that smell.
Better hockey movie, *Slap Shot* or *Mystery Alaska*: *Mystery Alaska*? No doubt *Slap Shot*, a classic.
If you had to pick two people to live with on an island, who would they be: Steve Aubuchon ('03) and Gil Schipani ('03): Their simple minds could entertain me for days on end. If I were to ever run out of food, Aubuchon would create a long-lasting plump meal and Schipani's little legs would make nice toothpicks.
If you were a tree what kind of tree would you be: Canadian Maple.
Canadian Beer vs. American Beer: Labatt Blue vs. Natty Ice? Heidi Klumm vs. Bucksnort? USA vs. Taliban? No brainer...Canadian beer!!
So you guys make some decent beer, but Canada and Canadians in general, what have you *really* done for us lately: What have you done for me? What have you been drinking at the bars? Labatt, Molson? Why does every college male want to visit Montreal? It's certainly not for the Expos.
Well Gordo, I prefer Keystone Light and I do go to Montreal to see the Expos. You have certainly ruined any chance of your fellow countrymen becoming future Athlete of the Week with this whole "Canada is the best" attitude.

Swimmers dominate at UCAA Championships

by Josh Sargen '05
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton's men's and women's swimming teams dominated their opponents last weekend at the UCAA Championships in Troy, New York.

Both teams were able to win their meets in an impressive fashion.

The Continentals have enjoyed success at the UCAA meets before. In the seven years this event has been held, the men have won every year.

The women have won six out of the seven meets and the past two consecutively.

This year's meets were not as competitive as they have been in the past. The women's team destroyed the entire field, finishing 356 points ahead of second place Union.

Overall, the women won ten of the eighteen events. Also impressive was the men's finish, accumulating 138 more points than Union, their closest challenger.

Both teams set numerous UCAA records. The men's 200 freestyle relay, 200-medley relay, and 400-medley relay as well as the women's 400-medley relay were all UCAA bests.

Along with the impressive team performances, specific Continentals ruled the waters at the UCAA's.

Brittany Achin '05 won the 100 and 200 breastroke, setting UCAA records in both events and qualifying for nationals.

Cady Kashner '03 was awarded Diver of the Meet honors following her victories in the one and three-meter diving competitions.

Co-captain Eric Schwenker '02 defeated the field in the 100 and 200 backstroke, setting meet records in each event. Sprinter Andrew Saunders '05 won the 100 butterfly. Saunders was also named Rookie of the Meet.

Coach Dave Thompson was thrilled with the Continentals' performances, commenting, "The teams came together well and it really showed."

Over the next month, both teams will have plenty of opportunities to improve upon their impressive performances at the UCAA's.

The men and women are traveling to Florida for a ten-day trip to improve their conditioning. Thompson believes the rigorous training will make his team that much better.

"[Training] will be instrumental in our success at the NESCAC championships," said Thompson. If Hamilton improves upon its showing at the UCAA's, the NESCAC teams better be training just as hard as the Continentals.

Russell, Erick propel Women's Basketball

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

Wednesday night the women's basketball team traveled to Buffalo to play Medaille College.

Although both teams showed up, it was not much of a game for the Continentals, who were too fast and too strong for Medaille.

The Continentals won the game 77-39 after leading at the half 41-16. The team came out quick and although they did not shoot as well as they could have in going 38.7% for the game, they still put up 41 points and never had to look back after the half.

"It was an important game for us and especially for the people on the team that live near Buffalo, like Anna, Liz and Holly." said Avery Anderson '03, "They had lots of fans at the game and it was great for us to have support on the road."

Jenny Russell '02 had nine points, Stephanie Dunn '03 had eight and Liz Casey '03 had seven points at the break.

Russell continued her scoring in the second half and ended up with 15 points and four assists leading all Continentals.

Going into the game, Russell was just 29 points away from 1,000 for her career.

"We played a good game," said Anderson, "in the past we have had a tendency to play to the level of the team we are playing against. Last night, we kept competitive, finished strong and worked on improving some small things."

Anna Jablonski '05 also added, "We let them score more than we should have but we played good defense and rebounded well in the second half. We came out focused and finished them off."

One of the three hometown heroes, Casey, had an outstanding game, helping the Continentals in every possible way finishing with ten points, three assists, three steals and three rebounds.

"Liz played unbelievable and finally really looked to score. At one point, she stole the ball and had a lay-up three consecutive times after we scored. That really got our team excited," said Jablonski.

Holly Erick '04, who was playing in her first game of the year because of a injury, turned it on in the second half and finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Other Continental contributors included Jablonski who had seven points and nine rebounds, Karen Pogonowski '02 added five points and five rebounds, Tricia Czeski '05 had 11 points, Larissa Hopkins '04, Katie Arnold '04, Anderson, and Jen Munoz '04 each also added two points for the Continentals.

"Right now we are working on making sure we are confident with our set plays and we are also working on our execution," said Anderson.

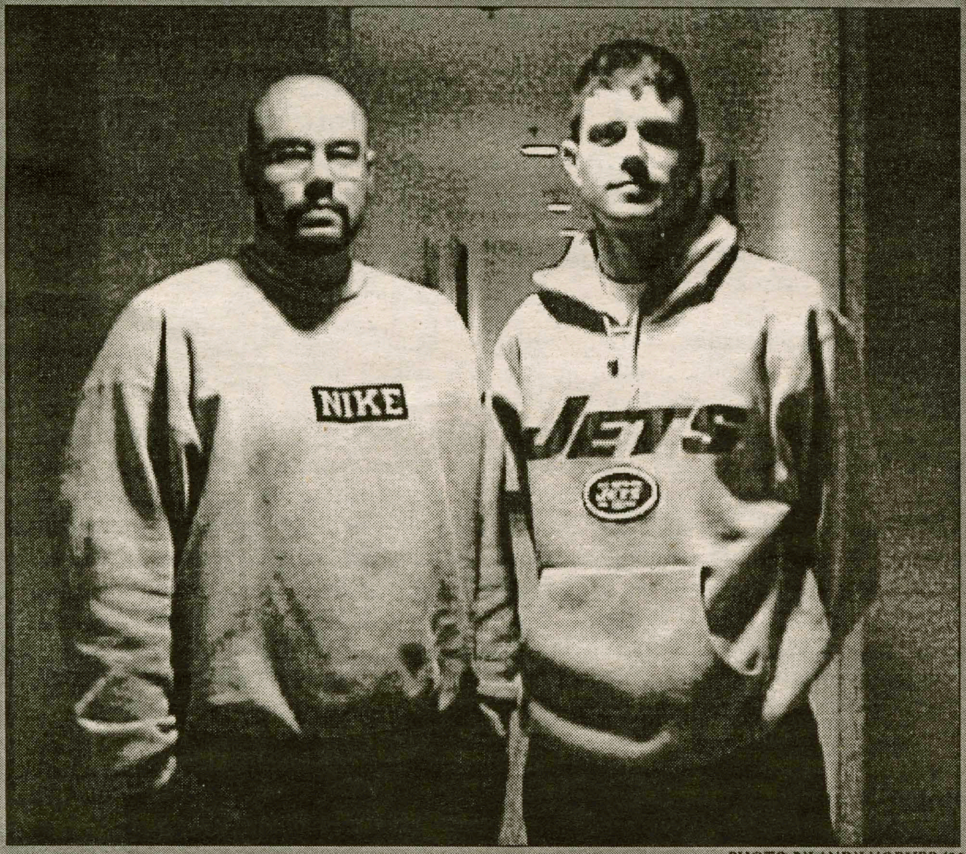
The team has its final game before their two-week winter break Friday night in Cazenovia against Cazenovia College.

Russell is just 14 points away from 1,000 career points and this milestone should be no trouble for her to reach with the scoring capabilities she has demonstrated up to this point in her career.

"Overall we feel like we are a better team then they[Cazanovia] are," said Avery Anderson, "but each night is a new game and we hope to play better against them than we did against Medaille."

When the team returns from their break they will begin league games, playing their first three at home against Elmira, Rensselaer and Vassar.

Meet the Experts



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Dan Kaufmann '03 and Tim Berbenich '02 withstood the rigors of one of the most challenging "Beat the Experts" semesters in years. Kaufmann's semester tally of 61 wins and 39 losses is a new BTE record, and Berbenich's prophet-like accuracy left the rest of the self-proclaimed experts in his wake. Chuck Spiliotis '03, Chris Preston '03 and Andy Horner '03 all finished within points of each other, whereas Lauren Reynolds '02 brought up the rear, finishing well below .500 and bringing shame and ridicule upon herself and womankind in general.

by Lauren Reynolds '02

Women's hockey falls to nation's top teams

by Zach Kubin '05
SPORTS WRITER

"If we come together as a team and play everyday, I think we can surprise people" said Margaret Sayer '02 after the women's ice hockey team's 2-1 victory over Union. Sure enough, many of the other players agreed with their senior captain.

The team started the year off with a loss against Williams, the country's fifth-ranked team, by a score of 7-3, and a 3-0 loss to Middlebury, the top-ranked team in the nation.

Despite starting the season at 0-2, the team was in a rather upbeat mood, "Even though we're 0-2, I feel that we played competitive hockey against two of the best teams in the country," said Sayer. "The best part is that we can only go up from here."

Next up were games at Rensselaer and Union, teams that aren't quite at Middlebury's level but good competition nonetheless. Emily Koren '03, scored at the 16-minute mark of the first period on assists from Paula Dady '03 and Jess Morin '05.

Morin scored just 39 seconds into the second period, giving Hamilton a 2-1 lead. Hamilton would go up 3-1 when Dady scored an unassisted goal. Sarah Baldwin '04 scored at 4:38 into the third period on an assist from Eden Self '03 for what seemed to seal the victory for the Continentals, but the Engineers had a different plan.

Determined not to be embarrassed on its home ice, R.P.I scored four goals in the final ten minutes to hand a crushing defeat to the Continentals.

"I couldn't believe it, we were cruising but I think we got too relaxed and they capitalized on our lazy passes. It was one of the most painful defeats I have ever been a part of," said a player who preferred to remain nameless.

The heart-breaking loss overshadowed a marvelous performance by goalie Jen Kroleski '03 who stopped 55 of 60 shots on goal.

Against Union, a little reversal of roles from the previous day's events saw the visiting Continentals down 1-0 with twelve minutes to go in the third period when Heather Hoffay '03 put the proverbial 'biscuit in the basket' to tie the game up at one apiece.

Then with less than four minutes to go in the game Dady, the team's leading scorer, scored the game winner on an assist from Morin. Apparently having learned their lesson, the team didn't falter as they enjoyed their first win of the season.

The first home game of the semester was one that the Cont's had circled on their calendar for quite some time as Colby made their biannual trip to Clinton. The rivalry between these two teams has always been intense and this year would not disappoint. Colby got on the board first when Kate Sweeney scored a power play goal on an assist from Heather DeVito.

The White Mules made it 2-0 when Jill Young tallied a goal eight minutes into the second period. The Continentals stormed back to cut the lead to 2-1 when Koren jabbed home the loose puck in front of the net to reenergize a seemingly comatose Hamilton bench.

Unfourtunately, the game was put out of reach with a late Colby goal and the 3-1 final score was in favor of the White Mules. Part of the problem for the Continentals was getting the puck past Colby goaltender Lynn Hasday. The next day's contest was an 11-0 clinic at the hands of the second-ranked Bowdoin Polar Bears.

Despite brandishing a rather disappointing 1-6 record so far, the Cont's have a chance to right the ship with games at Wesleyan and Trinity this weekend. In order to put some more numbers in the win column the team has to start getting the offense into gear. If this ever happens, the Continentals could be a pesky team to deal with for the opposition.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly attractive **Sports Editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

Specially Selected Sporting Events	**Chris Preston** *Spectator Managing Editor*	**Lauren Reynolds** *Spectator Sports Editor*	**Andy Horner** *Spectator Sports Editor*	**Dan Kaufmann** *Spectator I&I Contributor*	**Chuck Spiliotis** *Spectator Ass Sports Editor*	**Armando Conde** *Junior Guest #10*
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NCAA Hoops						
North Carolina at Kentucky 12/8	Cats	Cats	Cats	Cats	Cats	Heels
Alabama at UCLA 12/8	Tide	Tide	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins
Football						
LSU at Tennessee 12/8	Tigers	Vols	Vols	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers
New Orleans at Atlanta 12/9	Saints	Falcons	Saints	Saints	Falcons	Saints
San Francisco at St. Louis 12/9	Niners	Niners	Rams	Niners	Rams	Rams
Chicago at Green Bay 12/9	Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears	Packers	Packers
Tennessee at Minnesota 12/9	Vikings	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans
Cleveland at New England 12/9	Pats	Pats	Pats	Pats	Pats	Browns
NY Jets at Pittsburgh 12/9	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Steelers	Steelers
Indianapolis at Miami 12/10	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Men's Hockey stays Hot

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We just wanted to put a lot of pressure on them and work really hard to get some scoring chances," said Grady.

As it turned out, St. Michael's, who came into the game winless in three contests, was a club that liked to pass the puck around quite a bit, and try to make its opponents make mistakes.

Hamilton, which sports a very contrasting style, had a tough time adjusting at first, and twelve minutes into the first period was facing a 2-1 deficit.

But as Hamilton maintained pressure on the offensive end, St. Michael's slowly crumbled. The Conts managed 66 shots, and wore out a clearly inferior team.

Team scoring leader Gordon notched five points on two goals and three assists, while Corey managed three points of his own.

Tom Ditzer '04 was credited with the game-winner 7:44 into the third, and McNeil had 37 saves, as Hamilton left with a decisive 5-3 victory.

Saturday's foe, Norwich, came into the game with an imposing #2 national ranking and a perfect 5-0-0 record.

A packed house of 1200 came out to see the two unbeatens duke it out, and as the game began Hamilton looked like the better club.

The Conts came out fired up, and played what Grady called their "best period of the season."

They were aggressive and physical, and Tim Canfield '02 provided the spark. He took two Elliot Altberg '05 passes and beat Norwich's Randy Hevey at the 8:29 and 17:59 marks of the first, giving Hamilton a 2-0 lead going into the second.

But after out-shooting Norwich 11-9 in the first period, Hamilton looked like a different team after the intermission.

Norwich owned the puck, and beat goalie Matt Jones '04 for four unanswered second period goals.

The 4-2 deficit was a mountain that the Conts couldn't climb, and Norwich only added to its lead in the third enroute to secure a 6-2 victory.

Defenseman Scott Gordon '04 said, "We played as a team for the first period and we had control of the game. But, for whatever reason, we just had a lapse, and they scored four quick goals. It was good to see that we can play against teams at that level, and I think it's a good sign of things to come."

Grady added, "We weren't able to sustain our game plan. We needed to keep them to three goals or less if we were going to have a chance, and we didn't do that. You can't expect to play a team like Norwich and beat them 8-7, it's just not going to happen."

Hamilton looks to maintain its early season success into the second semester, and will participate in a tournament at Plattsburgh on the 28th and 29th in hopes of improving upon its strong 4-1-1 mark.

The Continentals will take on host Plattsburgh State, ranked sixth nationally, on Friday the 28th, and an opponent to be determined on Saturday.

Men's Hoops takes on tough competition

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throws were Hamilton's only real offense in the second half, as they went 15-17 from the charity stripe.

The front court trio of Finley, Hammond, and Smith was brilliant once again, as Finley led Hamilton in scoring for the third straight game with 19 points.

He also collected ten rebounds for his first double-double of the year. Hammond was also a key offensive contributor, scoring 16 points and hauling in eight rebounds.

The Continentals' leading rebounder, Smith, who is averaging over 13 per game thus far, lead the team in boards with 11.

The team will now embark on a winter-break road trip to Las Vegas, where they will participate in the Division III Desert Classic on December 18th and 19th.

The tournament will be held at UNLV, and will pit Hamilton against some of the top DIII schools in the country.

"The trop to Vegas is going to be fun," said Yanni. "It will be a good challenge, and I will tell you one thing I know, this team loves challenges."

Smith agreed, saying, "The Las Vegas trip should be an interesting trip and a good test for our team. If we can come out with a couple of wins then it should do wonders for our confidence as a team..."

After the tournament, the team will travel to North Carolina on December 29th to take on DI powerhouse Davidson, who has already beaten UNC.

As departing sports editors of the Spectator, Andy and Lauren would like to thank everyone who has ever read the sports section. Please don't stop.

The Best of 2001 Sports

2001 will be remembered by sports fans for years to come. This year saw the return of hoops great Michael Jordan, the death of racing legend Dale Ernhart, and the dethroning of Major League Baseball's dynasty. On the Hill, the year was equally memorable; the women's lacrosse team climbed to the Elite 8 of the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, Maggie Hanson '02 blew by competitors at the women's cross country Nationals, and the tenure of the Reynolds-Horner sports editing team has unfortunately come to an end. To conclude our breathtaking tenure, we asked some friends what they thought about the first year of the new millenium in sports.

	Lauren Reynolds	Andy Horner	Chris Preston	Chuck Spiliotis	Paul P. Jones	Dave Zane
Athlete of the Year	Sarah Gloo '01 *Women's Lacrosse*	Kris Fudge '01 *Men's Hoops*	Maggie Hanson '02 *Cross Country*	Kris Fudge '01 *Men's Hoops*	Maggie Hanson '02 *Cross Country*	Sarah Gloo '01 *Women's Lacrosse*
Team of the Year	Women's Lacrosse	Men's Soccer	Women's Lacrosse	Baseball	Women's Cross Country	Women's Lacrosse
Coach of the Year	Lauren Bruce *Women's Lacrosse*	Perry Nizzi *Men's Soccer*	Perry Nizzi *Men's Soccer*	Melissa Eging *Women's Soccer*	Dave Thompson *Swimming*	Tom Murphy *Men's Hoops*
Rookie of the Year	Jen Munoz '04 *Women's Hoops*	Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 *Women's Soccer*	Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 *Women's Soccer*	Jeff Corey '04 *Men's Hockey*	Andrew Laskowski '04 *Men's Lacrosse*	Peter Simon '05 *Football*
Surprise of the Year	Men's soccer getting shafted by the NCAA's	Men's soccer getting shafted by the NCAA's	Brian Cohen '03 not making varsity hockey	Brian Cohen '03 not making varsity hockey	Men's lacrosse coach leaving Hamilton	Men's soccer getting shafted by the NCAA's
Game of the Year	Men's Hoops vs. Union	Men's Hoops vs. Union	Football vs. Bates	Baseball vs. Amherst	Matt Williamson's no-hitter in Game 3 le coup de wiffleball	Men's Hoops vs. Tufts
Best Athlete to Interview	Pete Safer '02 *Men's Squash*	Chris Steed '01 *Track and Field*	Kris Fudge '01 *Men's Hoops*	Paula Dady '03 *Women's Hockey*	Chris Weeden '02 *Football*	Jimmy McCarthy '01 *Men's Hoops*
Most Embarrasing Sports Moment	Dan Kaufmann's spectacle on ice	JV Hockey Coach pulling Pintoff	Kaufmann falling on his ass	Kaufmann being Kaufmann	Might as well jump on the Kaufmann bandwagon	Dan Kaufmann. Enough said.
Best sports commentator	Andy Basco '03	Corey Leighton '03	Anyone but Kaufmann	Corey Leighton '03	Frank "the playa" Vinci '01	Jim Moran
Best sports writer	Lindsay Schantz '03	Lindsay Schantz '03	Michael Everhart '02	Lauren Reynolds '02	Paul P.: "Just give me the damn pen!"	Peter Ringel '01

Men's Hockey off to best start in six years

4-1-1 Conts just shy of NESCAC lead

by Charles Spiliotis '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The men's hockey team, despite suffering its first loss of the year on Saturday, is off to its best start in six seasons.

Posting a 4-1-1 overall mark, Hamilton's seven points are good enough for a third place tie in the NESCAC with Bowdoin, and that has the Continental players and coaches very excited.

"Everyone around here is really excited about our start," Jeff Corey '04, whose four goals are second on the team thus far. "It's the best we've had in six years. We're showing a lot of promise. It's a very mature team, but we also have three freshmen who have all been key players so far. It's very satisfying; I think we're right where we want to be."

In its most recent affair, Hamilton matched up with Amherst, its travel partner, in an attempt to avenge its 9-0 loss a year ago.

Coach Phil Grady said, "We were embarrassed last year against this team, it was our worst game of the year. We wanted revenge, but also we had to pick up after our loss at Norwich. We came out and played a tough physical game, it was a good hockey game."

The Conts came out and played a solid first period controlled by the defenses. Neither team had any good opportunities until late in the period, when Amherst's Beau Kretzman beat freshman goaltender Rob McNeil with just under four minutes to play to break the scoreless tie.

The Lord Jeffs' lead was short-lived, however, as Corey scored the equalizer with 19 seconds to play in the first, with assists going to defenseman Craig Leger '02, and Rob Gordon '03.

After Hamilton's special teams managed to kill a pair of penalties early in the second, Amherst netted a pair of quick strikes and went out to a 3-1 lead. But Hamilton wasn't done. Less than three minutes later, the Continentals managed a pair of quick strikes of their own.

Chad McCraith '02 lit the lamp first, followed by Kevin Audit's '03 first goal of the year only twelve seconds later.

The third period and overtime saw both teams presented with some excellent scoring opportunities, but neither could capitalize.

Amherst managed 14 third period shots, but McNeil came up big and solidified the 3-3 tie.

"It was a bit of a disappointing tie for us, because we really shouldn't have been in that position. We were facing a 3-1 deficit halfway through the second period, and we really should have run away with that game," said defenseman Bill Pettit '02.

Grady added, "I think our guys looked at that game as a loss and Amherst looked at it as a win. We had some really good chances to take it, but we just couldn't close it out.

The past weekend saw the Continentals travel to Vermont to take on ECAC newcomer St. Michael's College on Friday and perennial Division III powerhouse Norwich on Saturday.

"St. Michael's is new to the league, and we went in not really knowing what to expect.

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PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03 clears the puck during the third period of Hamilton's 3-3 tie with Amherst. The Continentals take on highly ranked Plattsburgh during winter break.

Hustle, defense brings Men's Hoops to 3-0

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Two more games, two more solid wins for the Hamilton men's basketball team. Led by a starting front court that continues to dominate opposing teams and a defense that has been able to get stops when it really needs to, the Continentals improved to 3-0 this past week with wins over Middlebury College and Utica College.

Against Middlebury, the Hamilton offense came out somewhat stagnant, and Middlebury jumped out to 16-4 lead. However, the Hamilton men did not let Middlebury put them away early and kept themselves within reach throughout the first half.

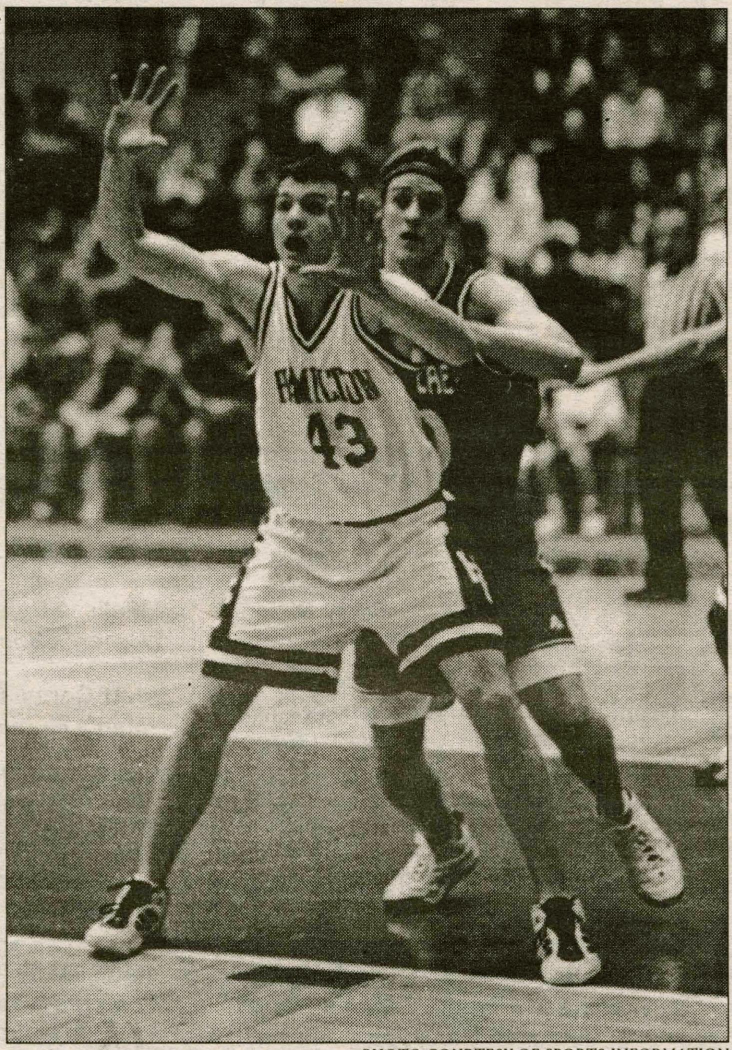
As the game neared halftime, the Continentals finally responded with a run of their own, closing the half with 11 unanswered points. This allowed Hamilton to even up the score at 40 after one half of play.

In the second half, the men turned to their up-tempo style in an effort to tire out the slower and less athletic Middlebury squad.

This plan worked to perfection as a close contest turned into a rout midway through the half. The Hamilton offense came alive, getting numerous breakaways and open opportunities on their way to 63 percent field goal shooting for the half. Middlebury simply could not keep up with the blistering pace set by the Continentals, especially that of the dominant Hamilton big men.

"We wore them down a little physically, and our inside kids did a good job on the rebounds," commented Hamilton head coach Tom Murphy. "There are going to be games where our inside guys carry us."

Hamilton forward Joe Finley '03 led all scorers with a career-high 33 points, and also pulled down nine rebounds. Finley, who leads the team with 24.7 points per game, is fast becoming Hamilton's most dangerous offensive weapon. Complementing his offensive explosion against Middlebury were excellent all-around games from Hamilton's other two forwards, Noah Hammond '02 and Joe Smith '04. Hammond hit for 16 points, while collecting five boards. Smith continued his dominant rebound by pulling down a career-high 19 rebounds, seven of which came on the offensive end.



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Senior Noah Hammond (43) leads the Continentals' inside game. Against Middlebury, Hammond tallied 16 points and grabbed five rebounds for the win.

"Rebounding with our team is very important," explained Smith, "because it enables us to get out on the break and run on some of the slower teams."

Murphy agreed, "The rebounding has been good, but we really haven't played a big team yet."

Against Middlebury, that is exactly what happened, and Hamilton emerged with a 92-83 victory. Also providing an offensive spark was point guard Greg Leone '04, who chipped in with a ten point, five assist, three rebound performance.

Hamilton's next game came against cross-town rival Utica College, and this time the Continentals did not let their opponent get an early jump on them.

Led once again by the front court, the Continentals jumped out to a first half lead, fueled by 46.7 percent field goal shooting, compared to Utica, who missed 23 or their first 34 shots en route to 32.4 percent shooting for the half.

However, in the second half Hamilton saw its 36-23 lead evaporate, as the Pioneers refused to be put away. After battling all the way back to tie the game at 52 with just over five minutes remaining, Utica looked to have momentum going into crunch time.

However, Hamilton looked to its sharp shooting off guard Kevin Yanni '03, and Yanni delivered a back-breaking three-pointer to rush Utica's comeback hopes.

"I am happy with the way I am shooting right now," said Yanni, "but it is too early in the season to be satisfied. Teams are going to play more zone so our guards are going to have to make some more shots."

Yanni and Leone were instrumental in holding off the Pioneers, as Yanni finished the game with 13 points on 5-11 shooting from the floor. Leone went without a field goal, but was perfect from the line, going 6-6. Free

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